



A happy day for Miss Teeny!

Friends and family help Celestine Labat celebrate her very own day.

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Benefit fund set up for McCall family

A benefit fund has been set up for Judith McCall and her children at Hancock Bank. McCall was critically injured on April 2 in a wreck at the intersection of I-10 and Hwy. 603 when a dump truck hit the vehicle she was driving, throwing McCall from the car. She remains in the SIC unit at University Hospital in Jackson. If you would like to help the family, a donation may be dropped off at any branch of the bank.

St. Stanislaus College final placement tests

Hancock County Tax Assessor, Collector Jimmie Ladner will be the guest speaker at the D'head Business and Professional Assoc.'s meeting at 8 a.m. Thurs., in the D'head Country Club. The after-hours event is also set the same day at 5:30 p.m. Pat Ramsey & The Blues Disciples will entertain and food will be served.

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Uneeda Steele-Laitinen, a WRANPS volunteer, holds a bluebird she rescued last week from a termite trap, and the trap that caught it. The bird later died.



WRANPS volunteer fears MSU termite study a danger to birds

Researchers say humans in more danger from the insects than birds are from traps

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

"Birds of a feather" are apparently getting stuck

together, wildlife rehabilitation volunteer Uneeda Steele-Laitinen, of Bay St. Louis, said last week - or, more accu-

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In the bag



Members of Boy Scout Troop 77 work on the beach at Coleman Ave. in Waveland Saturday as part of the second annual "Spruce up the Avenue" event sponsored by the Coleman Ave. Coalition. Scores of volunteers turned out Saturday to take part in the clean-up, the trash can painting contest and kite-flying.

Crash victim still in critical condition

Accident still under investigation by MHP

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

As of Friday afternoon, 18-year-old Michael Sones still had not regained consciousness following a two-car collision the previous Sunday that injured him and four others.

A relative said Friday that Sones, then at a Gulfport hospital, was expected to be transported to Tulane for further surgeries.

Sones was hurt when his vehicle collided with one driven by 19-year-old Brandon Kimble on Hwy. 603 near Thompson's Seafood. The impact of the crash caused Kimble's vehicle to split in half.

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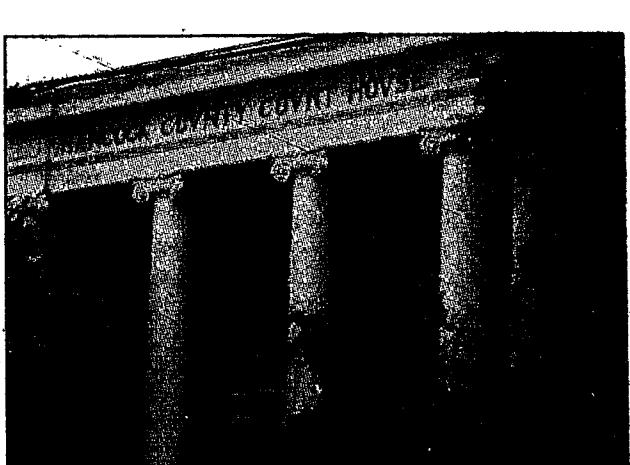
Beans & Rice Cook-off is Mon.

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

Publisher Emeritus

Some 35 hopefuls should have their beans soaked and ready for the slow cooking process today in preparation for tomorrow's 13th annual Red Beans & Rice Cook-Off, according to general chairman Jimmie

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The Hancock County Board of Supervisors last week took steps to begin the long-awaited renovations on historic Hancock County Courthouse in Old Town Bay St. Louis, starting sometime in May.

Echo file photo

Courthouse face-lift now scheduled to begin mid-May

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The long-awaited renovation of the historic Hancock County Courthouse should begin in downtown Bay St. Louis in mid-May.

That's the word coming from Ed Wikoff, consulting architect for Compton Engineering, who nursed the design through several changes, state and federal agencies, and finally drew a

contractor who thinks the job can be completed within the limited funds available.

On Wednesday, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors awarded a \$1.3 million contract to GM&R Construction of Waveland, the apparent low bidder. Kel Construction of Saucier picked up a bid packet, but did not submit a bid

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Celestine Labat Day



Celestine Labat, 103, of Bay St. Louis, at her party on Friday, celebrating "Celestine Labat Day" declared by Mayor Eddie Favre. The wall hanging was created in her honor by local artist Lori Gordon.

Dept. of Wildlife looking for eagles

If you see an active bald eagle nest this spring, the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks wants to speak with you.

Beginning about now, young eagles should be hatching, and one or both adult birds should be near the nest most of the time. They should be relatively easy to spot from active nests, according to experts.

Biologists say that eagle nests are very large structures that often are built in the very top of large pine and cypress trees.

Often the nests are about five feet wide and several

feet deep. The nests are many times larger than hawk nests.

During 1999-2000, Mississippi had approximately 29 active bald eagle nests that produced some 25 young eagles.

Anyone spotting an active nest should not approach it to avoid disturbing the birds. Observations can be made at a distance with the help of spotting scopes and binoculars.

If you have an active nest to report, call the Department's Museum of Natural Science in Jackson at 601-354-7303.

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County seeking help on Little Lake impasse

BY ED LEPOMA

Staff Writer

Stymied by a Louisiana Court, Hancock County may turn to NASA and the federal court to get a permit to maintain dredge a channel vital to shipping into Port Bienville and the Stennis Space Center.

At Wednesday's meeting, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution asking NASA "to join in Hancock County's effort to effect maintenance drainage in Little Lake, and to take any and all appropriate steps including, but not limited to seeking relief through the federal court system...."

The resolution notes the mile-long waterway at the bottom of the Pearl River Basin in St. Tammany Parish is crucial to continued operation of the Port and the space center, where thousands of people from Mississippi and Louisiana are employed.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality required stringent testing of chemicals that may be dredged up during the deepening of the channel, and the resolution points out LDEQ "concluded, 'There will be no significant effect on the Little Lake environ-

ment."

The state agency issued the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission a water quality certificate it needed to dredge, but in early April a state judge in Baton Rouge voided the certificate in favor of an appeal filed by the Tulane Environmental Clinic, the Tulane-based Audubon Council and the Sierra Club of New Orleans.

Jerry Hemphill, the Commission's project manager who has championed the cause for maintenance dredging since its inception, appeared before supervisors Wednesday, and asked for a show of support should the Port go forward in federal court.

Copies of the resolution were sent to: The Director of the Stennis Space Center, NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe; Govs. Mike Foster of Louisiana and Ronnie Musgrove of Mississippi; Mississippi Sens. Trent Lott and Thad Cochran; U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor of Bay St. Louis and U.S. Sen. John Breaux of Louisiana.

The Port has been trying for three years to maintain dredge the mile-long waterway, which has silted in over the years. It is the main route used by large

containers used by the Port's shipping line, Linea peninsula, and the channel used by NASA to float in large booster rockets and other heavy equipment into the giant Stennis Space Center.

Hemphill maintains Little Lake has shown up on maritime charts going back 100 years, and the project was a resumption of maintenance dredging that has been allowed many times.

He said extensive tests barely detected any levels of mercury that would be toxic to humans or the shellfish environment or any dangerous levels of other toxins present in the mud.

The port wants to dredge up about 185,000 cubic yards of waterbottom sediment and dispose the spoils at sites already approved by LDEQ. A 200-foot-wide area of the waterway between East Pass and Hog Island would be deepened to 15 feet for one mile.

Hemphill said talks were still open with LDEQ officials. "We would rather work with LDEQ to have the decision appealed and overturned in state court," said Hemphill. He said LDEQ officials have requested and are waiting the official ruling by state

Judge Curtis Calloway of the 19th Judicial Court in East Baton Rouge in order to see how he arrived at his decision.

He said, in the event LDEQ decides against joining in the appeal in state court, the port would seek relief in federal court.

Paul Foreman, public affairs spokesman for NASA at Stennis, said Friday officials there had not yet received an official copy of the resolution passed by the Board.

"However, we have been discussing this matter with the staff of the Port and Harbor Commission, and will continue to do so," he said.

Foreman added, "When we receive the official resolution from the supervisors, we will certainly take their request under advisement."

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Chapel Hill to sponsor Sat. blood drive

If you want to save lives, win prizes, get a free t-shirt and tour the beautiful homes at Chapel Hill, then you need to donate blood at the first Chapel Hill Beachfront Community blood drive on Saturday, April 27.

The American Red Cross trailer will be an hand from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Chapel Hill model home, Lot #14. Chapel Hill is located on the corner of Hwy. 90 and Beach Blvd. in Bay St. Louis.

All blood types are needed, especially types O negative, B negative and O positive. Donors will be treated to snacks and will receive a blood donor t-shirt courtesy of Chapel Hill.

All blood donors are also eligible to sign up for door prizes donated by local businesses such as Annie's Restaurant, Court Street Station, North Beach Interiors, Fire Dog Saloon, Rickey's Restaurant, and Carole & Mary's Old Town Restaurant and Catering.

Charlotte Whitney and the Lighthouse Realty team will take you on a private tour of Chapel Hill in the new Global Electric Motocar where you can visit the private, single-family detached homes.

The local business that sends in the most donors to give blood will be presented with the "Top Dog Blood Hound Award" from the American Red Cross.

Blood supplies along the Gulf Coast continue to fall short of the five- to seven-day-supply needed by the Red Cross to meet the needs of area patients.

Types O positive and O negative have fallen below a one-day supply. Blood donations from the general public are critical to the successful treatment of accident and burn victims, cancer, leukemia and sickle cell patients and surgical patients.

Blood donors are encouraged to give their life-saving blood today and not wait for an emergency to happen.

Blood is a perishable product, with a shelf life of 42 days and must be constantly replenished. About 375 to 400 units of blood are used every day throughout the Gulf Coast Region.

People can give blood every 56 days, and a blood transfusion is needed every two seconds in the United States.

To make an appointment to donate at Chapel Hill or for more information about this blood drive, call Chapel Hill at 467-9191 or the American Red Cross at 896-2217.

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Manufactured home ban vote now slated May 22

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors has promised a vote May 22 on a controversial proposal to ban mobile homes in a small portion of the county.

The board heard an appeal Wednesday from the attorney and representatives of the Mississippi Manufactured Housing Association (MMHA), which contends there are other ways to control what might happen in any area where trailers are allowed.

The proposal to consider prohibiting any more mobile homes coming into some residential areas was first considered in January of 2001, at the request of some supervisors, who were getting almost daily complaints about deteriorating and unkempt trailers ruining the looks of their neighborhoods and depreciating property values of traditional homes. Two previous public hearings were held on the issue, but a third was ordered because there was no official court transcript of the hearings.

The county Planning and Zoning Commission passed the proposal to ban additional trailers from coming into areas zoned "R-2-Single-Family Residential," but the MMHA appealed the decision. The ban would apply to the Shoreline Park subdivision on both sides of state Hwy. 603, the Bayside Park subdivision off U.S. Hwy. 90, Clermont Harbor, Heron Bay and a small pocket area off Washington and Chapman approaching the Garden Island and Riverview communities. Trailers already in these areas could remain and owners could upgrade them.

Supporters point out this would still leave 95 percent of the county where trailers could locate. While the legislation was in limbo, the county building official and chief zoning enforcement officer was instructed not to issue any permits for trailers in areas of the proposed ban.

Before the debate began

County Attorney Ronnie Artigues said exhibits entered into the record were

voluminous, and asked any speakers to limit their comments, and not to rehash statements already in the record.

Jessica Tebo, with Meadow Homes, said she sells manufactured homes, and showed examples of some located in Shoreline Park. She said manufactured homes built to HUD standards after 1976 do not hurt the value of traditional homes nearby.

Mary Geerken complained she and her husband bought a lot in Bayside Park more than four years ago, and they have been paying taxes on the land. She said they planned to retire and move out of New Orleans and put a trailer on their lot at Royal Oaks and Como, but, "Now, we find out we can't put a mobile home on our property."

Ron Hill invited supervisors to come and see his 1200-square-foot mobile home. Rather than banning mobile homes, Hill said supervisors should enforce laws to condemn all abandoned and neglected properties.

Jennifer Hall, executive director of the MMHA, told supervisors, "Your decision affects people's lives."

She said many families cannot afford to build a traditional house, and manufactured homes have been endorsed by Mississippi's Congressional delegation and Congress as affordable and safe alternate housing.

District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour said the complaints he hears most frequently are "about people moving in a \$5,000 trailer next to a \$200,000 home."

Hall said those trailers are probably pre-1976. She said county supervisors

should have the power to restrict what type of mobile home comes into an area. She said the board could require skirting, vinyl siding and other measures in order to control the outward look of a mobile home.

"You can do a lot of things through simple restrictions and not ban the whole product," said Hall.

Attorney Jason Watkins also represented the MMHA, argued the proposed legislation "is arbitrary and capricious," and if enacted, would not withstand a court test.

He said the wholesale exclusion of mobile homes in certain areas denies citizens who are affected "due process."

Watkins said if density was a concern, supervisors could set a minimum lot-size requirement. He said supervisors needed to get professional appraisals before taking homeowners word that mobile homes nearby devalue their property.

District 3 Supervisor Lisa Coward said she was having trouble distinguishing between a "manufactured home and a modular home."

Hall said manufactured homes are usually built on a chassis and pulled into a neighborhood, but modular

homes are usually assembled in a factory, then placed on a lot.

Lynn Bell, president of the Garden Islands Community, which has supported the ban, said many homes in her area have been on the market for years, and most have waterfront property. "But people don't want to drive by trailers to look at a \$200,000 homes," she said. She urged supervisors to enact the ban.

"I want to know I don't have to live next to a trailer if I don't want to," she said.

If supervisors elect to enforce the ban at the Board's May 22 meeting, proponents can still appeal the decision to circuit court. A court reporter was present at the hearing to record comments.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2002

OPINION

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Quotesby Ellis C. 'Scoop' Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

As long as I can remember and I have been a licensed driver in Mississippi for over 50 years a post card was sent from the state reminding me that my driver's license would expire on a certain date.

Last Tuesday I received a telephone call from one of my neighbors suggesting that I remind licensed drivers that Mississippi does not send reminders any more.

She just happened to have been going through her wallet and discovered her driver's license has long been expired.

She telephone the Mississippi Highway Patrol's licensing division and was told that no more reminders are provided.

Usually the expiration date is the birthday of the driver, and my last driver's license was issued for four years.

On Wednesday I was in conversation with a long-time friend and mentioned the call I received the day before. He opened his wallet, and just having celebrated a birthday, also discovered he needed to renew his driver's license post haste.

So, this is just a reminder for all Mississippi licensed drivers to check the expiration date.

I understand a citation for an expired driver's license is close to \$100.

The time is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the place is the Hancock County Civic Center for the 13th annual Red Beans & Rice Cook-Off sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Hancock County's Tax Assessor Collector Jimmie Ladner, Jr. is the general chairman. He held a captains' meeting Thursday evening to distribute the red beans donated by the distributor of Camellia Brand red beans.

There were seasoned chefs, rookie chefs,

wannabe' chefs, wish-were-a-chef chefs, and chefs inbetween collecting the red beans to soak and cook and have ready for 11 a.m. Monday.

Among those stopping by to collect red beans was John Baxter of Hancock Bank. He is hoping to follow in the footsteps of master chef Chuck Breath, who was a 'top chef' in his younger days.

The general public is encouraged to attend the cook-off on Monday for this great worthy fund raiser for the American Cancer Society.

There will be political, bank, industrial, restaurant, home cooked, law enforcement, utility, supermarket, Justice Court judges, veterans, civic, educational, sportsmen, higher learning, space, reality, utility, etc., beans of all flavors to eat and enjoy.

A new wrinkle, which was sprinkled in last year, was cornbread by a couple chefs, and there should be much more this year with the new Best Cornbread category.

Tickets will be available at the door for a donation of only \$6 for all the red beans and rice and cornbread one can eat.

By the way, this is the second year for Tax Collector Ladner to be the general chair, and he told me Thursday that he will announce the lucky person who will be next year's chairman on Monday.

I think I have an idea who that person will be.

Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar was the general chairman the previous two years. I hope to see you at the cook-off on Monday. By the way, I may not be able to talk too much, as I may have a mouth full of cornbread.

Come out and join the fun. A great time is always had at the cook-offs, and it will give you time to see your old friends and make new ones.

America's best interests

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has threatened to cease oil exports to America. He is also offering huge sums of money to Palestinian families for the sacrifice of their children as terrorist suicide bombers.

These are two troubling examples of why America must stop buying oil from the likes of him. Obtaining oil from an internationally despised solicitor of murder like Saddam Hussein is a risky, questionable practice.

America must start using our own abundant domestic sources of energy, regardless of what a few left-leaning Washington special interest groups think.

Concerning the energy issue, Washington's special interests have little in common with America's best interest.

The Bush Administration has proposed opening a small portion of the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) for energy exploration.

Notice I said "small" portion. In fact, out of the 19 million acres in (ANWR), only about 2,000 acres is being considered for energy exploration.

However, even though this footprint would be almost invisible, Washington's environmental special interest groups are in panic mode as the Senate begins debating

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For instance, Washington's special interests have painted ANWR as some sort of lush wilderness teaming with animal and plant life.

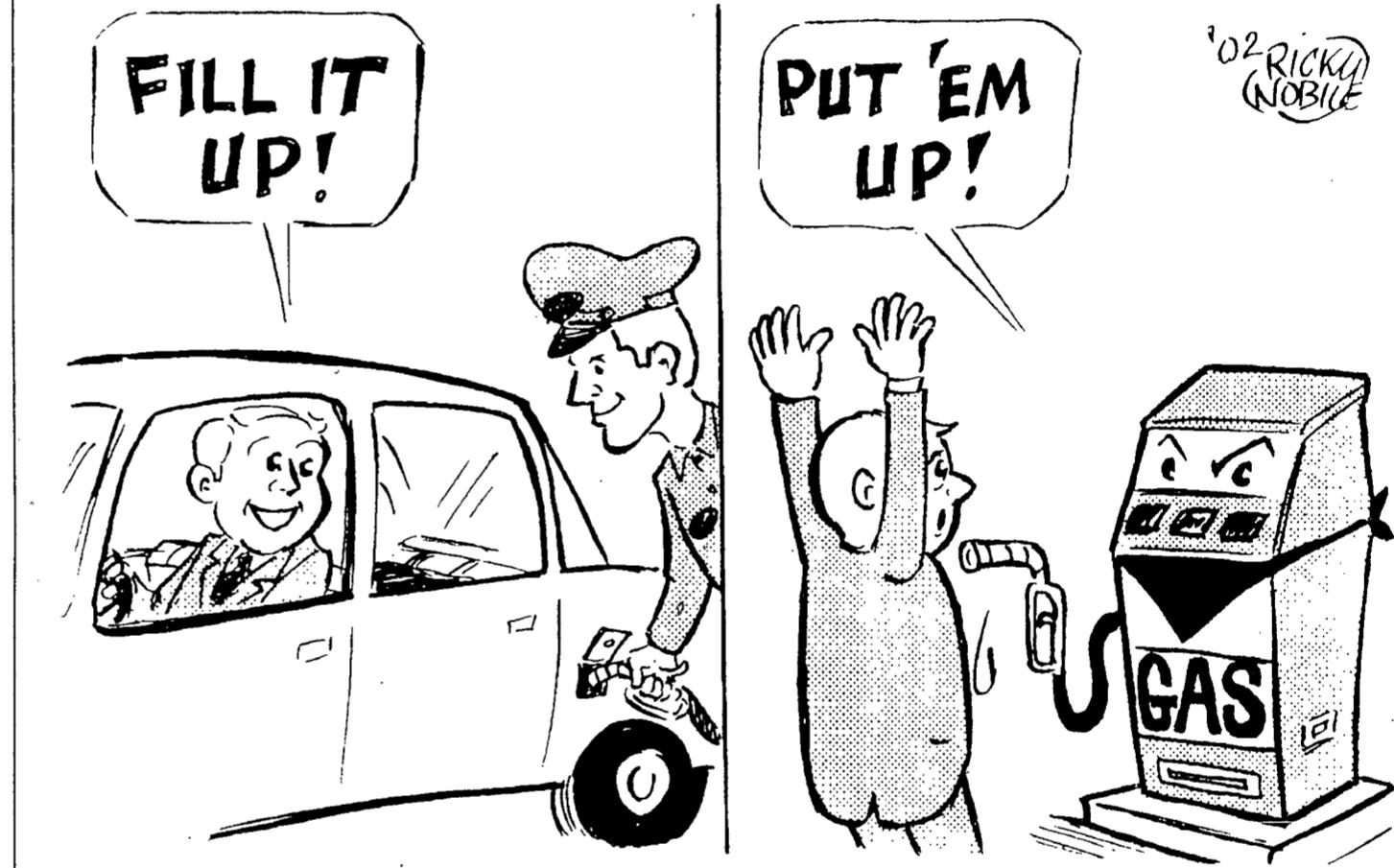
However, the tiny portion being considered for energy exploration is basically a flat, desolate, and an almost inhospitable tundra. The only thing teaming there is oil.

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Let's get this straight. I'm all for providing medical care for the needy. No one should be wiped out by thousands of dollars in medical bills.

But people who are on Medicaid should be charged some reasonable amount of money to ensure that the system doesn't get abused. Medicaid co-pay should be at least as high as private insurance co-pay.

Is it any wonder that we have a full-blown Medicaid crisis? Is it any wonder that the state of Mississippi has run out of money to fund Medicaid? Is it any wonder Medicaid costs have doubled in one year?

When something is practically free, the demand is almost unlimited. When you give away something as expensive as American medical care to people who don't have a lot of money to begin with, demand will quickly exceed the available supply. That's just basic economics.

Two months ago, the state legislature passed a bill to increase the Medicaid co-pay from one to three dollars, the maximum allowed by federal law.

Compare this to what everybody else pays. Most Mississippians have to pay

whopping four percent of all the taxes, down from 5.6 percent 10 years ago.

No wonder the Democratic party can keep calling for tax increases. Their constituency doesn't pay any taxes.

So the bottom 25 percent of our citizens pays no income taxes and gets free medical care, not to mention a host of other subsidies. That's quite fair. They ought not be complaining too loudly.

The problem is this: Why work hard and advance? You'll just lose your subsidies and have to start paying most of your extra income to the government. It's a perfect recipe for stagnation.

The founding spirit of this country was one of hard work, freedom and initiative. "Work hard, and reap

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Lott -- America's best interests at stake

estimates, this little portion of ANWR has more oil than all of Texas, anywhere from 6 to 16 billion barrels.

ANWR energy from this tiny tract will equal 30 years of Saudi Arabian imports and more than 55 years of Iraqi oil imports — and best of all its in our country.

With the Trans Alaskan pipeline less than 50 miles away, America could be using energy from ANWR in just a few short years.

The U.S. House has already passed a comprehensive National Energy Policy proposal which includes a plan to tap the vast energy resources in

ANWR.

However, the Senate is stalling, held back by liberals who seem more beholden to Washington's environmental lobby, than to the American people.

Since the House passed this proposal just a few short months ago, America has already bought almost 250 million barrels of oil from Saddam Hussein.

This is money from you and me which he could use to finance suicide bombings, chemical weapons production, nuclear weapons research, terrorist training or other evil deeds.

Yet, a few special interest groups in Washington are

apparently unconcerned. They seem far more troubled about the fate of a tiny bit of frozen Alaskan dirt, than they do about America's future, and the threat posed by doing business with Saddam Hussein.

Beyond, ANWR, America has other domestic energy assets which should be on the table. We are known as the "Saudi Arabia of coal" — an abundant domestic energy source which can now be used very cleanly thanks to new technologies.

Additionally, we must continue to pursue nuclear power and even new forms of alternative energy, such as solar power and wind

power.

However, we must be realistic and acknowledge that our cars, appliances and industries will not be powered by windmills and solar panels tomorrow.

America will need traditional fuels for the foreseeable future, and these fuels will come either from the Middle East or from our own country, including ANWR.

Most Americans prefer the latter.

Though not endorsed by Washington's special interests, obtaining our domestic energy resources is obviously in America's best interest.

With America having so

much oil within a small part

of our own country, and given the increasing terrorist turmoil in the Middle East, clearly those opposed to exploration in ANWR have little reason to fear, and every reason to change their

mind.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attn: Press Office)

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VFW officers



VFW Post 3253 elected new officers on Thursday. They will take office in mid-June after the state VFW convention. The new post commander for the 2002-2003 season is E.L. (Gene) Schloegel. Pictured are, from left, back row, Donald Mauffray, service officer; A.P. Leineweber, house; John J. Yatalese, guard; Harold J. Giarrusso, Judge advocate; Jim Long, O.D.; and Richard E. Johnson Jr., 3-year trustee. Front row, from left, Richard C. Brehm, Jr. vice; E.L. (Gene) Schloegel, commander; Randolph C. Bourgeois, sr. vice; Russell L. Voorhies, quartermaster; and Leonard S. Smith, chaplain.

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the benefits" was our motto. Today's motto is more like "work hard and lose your benefits."

This is seen so clearly when people are afraid to accept higher pay or a promotion because they may make too much money and lose their Medicaid benefits.

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Welch ordered to connect to sewerage

BY ED LEOPOMA

Staff Writer

Landowner Jack Welch has been ordered to hook up at least four of his properties in Bayside Park to the county's sewerage collection system by May 1 or face stiff fines and jail time.

Welch showed up in Justice Court Tuesday before Judge Ricky Adam, and entered a "not-guilty" plea from the back of the packed courtroom after his name was called for trial. He had failed to appear in court April 2 on arraignment day before the judge. At arraignment, the defendant can enter a guilty or not guilty plea to the charges, so Adam set a trial date for April 16, which was Tuesday.

And the state was ready to go to trial.

Assembled for the trial were: Sanford Horton, an special assistant attorney general assigned to the state health department; Pansy Maddox, environmental enforcement officer with the Health Department's Region XI, which includes Hancock County; Dr. Cathy Butts, a veteran of 17 years with the health department; Mike Rester and Aaron Haynes, who have inspected alleged wastewater violations at several of Welch's properties; Eddie Renz, Director of the Hancock County Water and Sewer District; District Commissioner Sid Davis; and state Rep. J.P. Comprett, legal consultant to the District.

Although court pleadings began at 9 a.m., it wasn't until about 11:30 a.m. that Welch was called before the judge.

Comprett said Welch did not know he would face trial Tuesday, and he requested a court-appointed attorney to represent him since he might be given jail time if found guilty.

Adam suggested Welch might want to plea bargain,

and asked Horton and Comprett to meet with Welch to see if he would agree to the plea of guilty of four counts of violating the state and county's wastewater regulations.

In return for the guilty plea, Adam suspended any sentence, and gave Welch until May 1 to hook up his four properties to the sewerage system. If Welch fails to make the deadline, Adam could fine him \$500 per day for each day his four properties are in violation and to six months in jail on each violation.

Maddox, although a little flustered the health department did not have its day in court, said she hopes the judge's warning to fine and jail Welch if he does not hook his properties up to the sewerage system, will send a clear message to others who are refusing to hook up.

Estimates are as many as 700 customers in Bayside Park have not yet hooked up to the system, although the District has installed free grinders at the front off their homes or trailers.

"We're trying to set a precedent here," said Maddox. "We can no longer have raw sewage running into the ditches or on property where people are living."

She said septic tanks are failing in the area, creating a health hazard to children and adults. "It's not fair to those law-abiding citizens who have hooked up," she said.

"In Bayside Park, it's particularly bad because this area ultimately drains into the offshore oyster reefs, which are some of the most productive in the state."

Maddox said when reefs are closed, local fishermen lose money, and the economy ultimately suffers because tourism is also affected when beaches are closed.

Maddox said health

inspectors have made fol-

low-up visits to certain areas in the Shoreline Park Subdivision on the east side of state Hwy. 603, where most of the homes have been connected to the sewerage system.

"Our surveys have shown the canals have cleared up considerably once a whole street is on line" she said.

Welch, who lives in Bayside Park and rents out trailers and lots to several people, turned himself in to the sheriff's Department March 12 after four affidavits seeking his arrest were filed against him, alleging he was in violation of wastewater regulations.

Justice Court Judge Tommy Carver allowed him to be released without posting bond, ruling he was "indigent" although records in the county's tax office show he owns at least 12 parcels of property, mostly in Bayside Park.

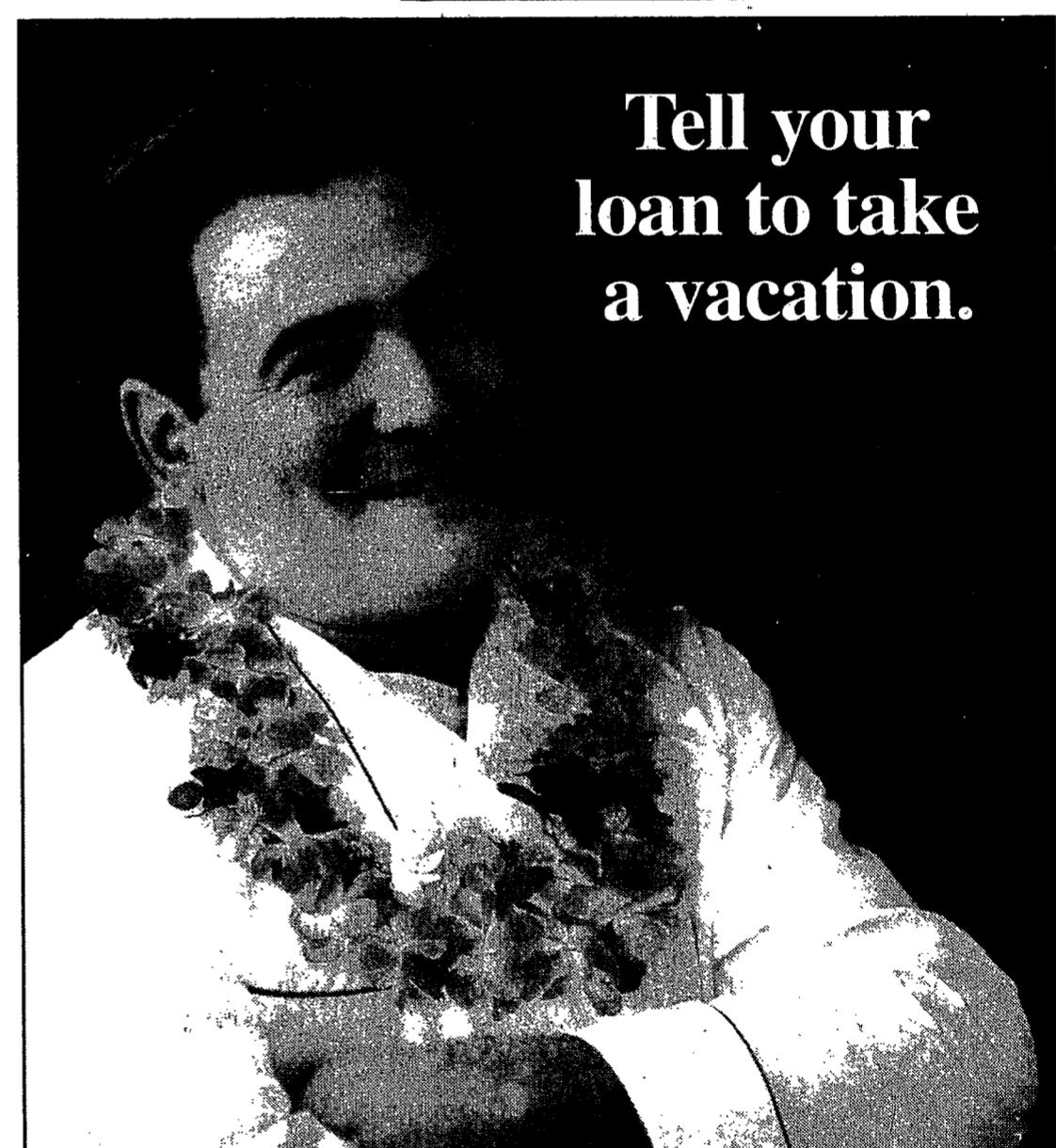
He has consistently delayed hooking up any of his properties to the sewerage collection system, although the health department gave him several extensions he requested.

The affidavits filed against Welch allege he is "creating a public health hazard and a public nuisance by failing to hook up to the sewerage system." Violations were cited at four of Welch's properties: 6317, 6319 and 6321 W. Clay and 8137 Jasper.

The system came into the

Bayside Park subdivision on the south side of U.S. Hwy. 90 in phases, last June and July, and citizens were given 60 days to run connections from their house to the grinder pump located in front of each residence.

The Hancock Sewer and Water District has already pulled up a grinder from one location where Welch has refused to hook up. A new grinder will cost him \$2,640 if he wants to continue to rent the lot out to a family with a trailer.



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Louie St. Louis, the Hancock County Library System's mascot, led a tour of the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library at a special children's story hour honoring National Library Week.

April showers highlight story hours

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

"April Showers" will be the theme of the children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library on Wednesday, April 24, at 10:30 a.m.

When the Rain Came Down in Bayou Town and It's Spring! are the books to be read during the program. Susan Daigre, program coordinator, will assist the children in making their own rain scene.

"Rainy Day Fun" will be the theme at the children's

story hour at the Kiln Public Library on Thursday, April 25, at 10:30 a.m.

We Play on a Rainy Day, Rabbit's Rainy Day and *Rainy Day Puddle* are the books to be read during the program. Children will make a paper umbrella craft and play a raindrop game.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one half hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activi-

ty.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724.

Great Books discussion group to meet

The next Great Books discussion group meeting will be Wednesday, April 24 at 7 p.m. in the Seal Meeting Room of the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

The group is currently studying the volume, *The Art of the Story*. The readings for this session will be *In the Shadow of War* by

Ben Okri and *Where the Jackal Howls* by Amos Oz.

Sponsored by the Hancock County Library System, the discussion group began in March, 1990. Since that time, members have read more than 345 titles and they have completed 110 readings from great books (Plato, Hobbes, Locke

deTocqueville), Mississippi fiction, play readings and 20 philosophical questions. The group meets every other Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. The only requirement is that you read the selection before the meeting. For information, call David Woodburn at 467-5282.



Telling stories

Coleen Salley, storyteller and children's books author, recently performed for the students of Charles B. Murphy Elementary School in the Pearlington Public Library. The performance was part of the National library Week activities for the Hancock County Library System.

Hancock County schools to host kindergarten screening roundup

The Hancock County School District has four kindergarten round-up days scheduled for registration and screening of Kindergarten students who will attend school beginning in the 2002-2003 school year.

Gulfview Elementary, 6590 Lakeshore Road, in Bay St. Louis will hold registration on Friday, April 26 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

East Hancock Elementary, 4221 Kiln-DeLisle Road in Kiln, will hold a joint registration and orientation on Friday, May 3 from 8:30 a.m. to noon for all parents of new kindergarten students.

Hancock North Central Elementary, 6122 Cuevas Town Road in Kiln will hold a roundup on Friday, May 10 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Parents should bring their child's certified birth certificate, certificate of compliance (shot record), two proofs of residency, and the child's social security card.

Vision, hearing, speech, and basic physical screenings will be offered. Health department immunizations will NOT be available at the round-up days.

Immunizations of DTaP, IPV, MMR, Hepatitis B, and Varicella (chicken pox) are given on Mondays and

Wednesdays from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Hancock County Health Department on Longfellow Road.

Cost is \$10 per shot unless a child has Medicaid or CHIPS. For more information, contact C.B. Murphy at 533-7872, East Hancock at 255-6637, Gulfview at 467-4655 or HNCE at 255-7641.

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Beginner sewing classes for youths

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

A beginning sewing class will be taught on Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m. beginning April 23 in Bay St. Louis.

Pre-register by calling the Hancock County

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St. Clare student champion in national handwriting contest

Kendall McDonald, a third grade student at St. Clare School in Waveland, is being honored as a State Champion in the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest.

More than 110,000 children competed nationwide in the National Handwriting Contest sponsored by Zaner-Bloser, the leading publisher of handwriting materials in the United States.

Kendall will now compete along with 154 other State Champions from grades 1-8 for the title of National Grade Level Champion and Grand National Champion.

Kendall's entry will be forwarded to Zaner-Bloser's Master Penman, Dr. Clinton Hackney, to be considered for these national honors.

The contest currently in its 12th year, was established to emphasize the importance of developing good handwriting early.

"Teachers tell us the contest motivates students to do their best work," says Georganna Harvey, spokesperson for Zaner-Bloser. "The extra effort really pays off for the students, because handwriting is a vital skill they'll use for their lifetime."

"News reports consistently tell us how important legible handwriting is to everything from processing mail correctly to reading prescriptions accurately."

"Despite the influx of high-tech communication devices, every business and every person still depends on pen and paper. We simply want to encourage students to develop good handwriting skills at an early age so that it can help them throughout their lives."

As the Third Grade State Champion, Kendall, Kendall's teacher and principal will receive beautifully engraved wood pens. Kendall and the school will also receive framed award certificates and the school will receive a \$50 gift certificate for Zaner-Bloser materials.

National Grade Level Champions, one each for grades 1-8, are awarded \$500 savings bonds. They, along with their teachers and principals, also receive an elegant desktop pen and holder. In addition, they and their schools receive a number of prizes including

Championship plaques, and together with their classmates, teacher and family, National Handwriting Contest t-shirts. The schools also win a \$100 gift certificate for Zaner-Bloser products.

One Grand National Champion is then selected from the eight National Grade Level Champions.

Zaner-Bloser is proud of the wonderful skills these young people demonstrate, and proud too, of the many devoted teachers who have worked so faithfully to instill this love for good handwriting," says Harvey.

Zaner-Bloser, founded in 1888, is the nation's leading publisher of handwriting texts for students in grades K-8. The company also publishes spelling and language arts texts and teaching materials.

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Courthouse -- renovations coming soon

because it wanted the courthouse vacated for the estimated six-month duration of the project.

The project was put out to bid with several alternatives with the idea if the base bid was high some of the planned improvements could be scrapped. However, after reviewing GM&R's bids, Wikoff said he feels all the proposed improvements could be made, including installing a sprinkler system in the old building.

The main goal of the project is to make the courthouse accessible to the elderly and handicapped, and to put the building in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Because the courthouse has historic significance, all design plans had to pass

approval of the state Department of Archives and History and the U.S. Justice Department.

Plans call for an elevator tower to be installed at the rear of the building and adjacent to the accessible entry and primary parking area. The courthouse parking area has been redesigned to provide access from Cue Street into a lot that will accommodate up to 19 vehicles. At least two handicapped auto/van parking spaces will be available.

The elevator shaft will be enclosed within the existing building on the ground floor, but visible at the second and third levels. The elevator cab will have two entry doors to allow easier access to the Circuit Courtroom, the Board meet-

ing room and other offices on the second and third floor of the building.

New handicapped-accessible bathrooms would be installed at the rear and on the top two floors, along with water fountains and telephones.

New service counters at the required 34-inch height will be installed in frequently-visited offices, such as the circuit clerk's office, where deeds are filed and other court documents are stored.

The circuit court room, where trials are held, will be redesigned, along with the jury box and offices for the judge, the attorneys, and for jury deliberations.

The board's meeting room on the second floor will also be redesigned, and

plans call for new furniture for the board room, the circuit court and the jury room.

The third-floor will be redesigned to provide office space for the assistant district attorney and his secretary and space for the law library.

On the outside, the parking configuration will also be changed on Gex Street, and some trees and shrubs will have to be removed in the front of the courthouse and on Gex Street, but plans provide for the entire area to be landscaped with smaller trees and other plants.

Wikoff said the contractor has been notified of the award, and he expects work to begin by the middle of May. The contract calls for "substantial completion" within six months.

The mid-May start of construction has Chancery Court Clerk and County Administrator Tim Kellar scurrying for temporary office space. He has said he hopes the construction can be accomplished in stages so his office, the offices of the board of supervisors and the circuit clerk's office would not have to be completely shut down. Kellar said it would be costly if computers, telephones, copy and fax machines in offices

would have to be relocated.

At some point, the circuit court operations may have to move temporarily to the county Court Annex. And, other county offices might have to set up temporary quarters in the county Civic Center on Longfellow Road.

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Letting of the contract for the renovation of the courthouse was the culmination of years of frustration and disappointment endured by the board of supervisors.

The project started out on the drawing board in 1996, when four of the five supervisors now serving on the Board first took office.

Originally, it was hoped the old courthouse could be brought up to ADA standards, but there would also be room to house a juvenile detention center. The board hired a Hattiesburg architect, but after the project was put out to bid twice because the job came in well over funds available, they fired the architect, scrapped plans for the juvenile jail and turned to Compton Engineering for a new plan.

Birds -- WRANPS/MSU tangle on traps

tion which researchers vehemently say is not a significant threat to birds.

Laitinen disagrees.

Last week, she rescued a blue bird which had gotten stuck to a "sticky trap" located near Pearlington. Someone saw that the bird was trapped and called the Pass Christian-based Wildlife Rehabilitation and Nature Preservation Society Inc. (WRANPS), where Laitinen volunteers.

Laitinen said she carefully removed the bird from the trap and washed the sticky substance away from it, but it later died anyway. Had it lived, she said, it would have required at least three to six months of rehabilitation because its tail feathers had been pulled off.

Laitinen ran into the

same problem last year, she said, when a woodpecker had gotten stuck in a trap at Waveland.

She was able to save that bird, she said, and researchers eventually covered the trap with a simple, inexpensive wire guard to protect the birds. Since that happened last year, she said, she can't understand why all the traps aren't fitted with the guards now.

"I understand the reason that Mississippi State University wants to do the Formosan termite study," she said. "However, they need to be responsible. ... Birds are insectivores. They catch and eat insects. When they see them stuck in these traps, they think 'Hey, an easy meal.'"

And then, she said, it's too late. Those that aren't

rescued will either starve to death or be easy prey for predators, Laitinen said, and that's especially dangerous around the current spring roosting season, when a parent's death also spells death for its hatchlings.

Those conducting the termite study, however, say that while they laud Laitinen's sentiments, her assessment is not quite accurate.

Trish Knight, an associate horticulturist headquartered at an MSU Extension Service branch experiment station, said last week that approximately 1,600 of the sticky traps have been set up around the Coast as part of an on-going study of the Formosan termite.

"We're not having an impact on the bird popula-

tion at all," Knight said. "Yes, there is one that occasionally gets stuck in a trap," but that's a very rare occurrence.

Although researchers have put out somewhere between 15,000-20,000 traps over the years, she said, only 10 birds have ever gotten stuck. Most of those, she said, were rescued.

"If you went to every trap this week," she said, "you probably would not find a single bird. It just does not happen that frequently."

What is frequent, she said, is the destruction caused by the Formosan termite itself. She said she and fellow researchers are trying to learn more about the insect to prevent the continued infestations and literally millions of dollars

worth of damage.

"The termites are an incredible impact on the economy, in that they will consume wood, they will consume live trees, they attack houses and commercial structures."

The current study follows the standard method, she said, and when in the rare instances the traps are found to be a danger to birds, the wire guards are installed.

"When our technicians observe a bird nest (near a trap), or there is high bird activity in the area," Knight said, "they go ahead and put bird guards on them. ... But the incredibly vast majority of them have not even caught a feather fluff flying in the wind."

Still, Laitinen said, she feels innocent creatures are

suffering needlessly.

"They only put the guard on if a bird is found in it," she said. "That's kind of like closing the barn door after the horse already escaped. ... It has a damaging effect on the ecological system."

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Cook-off -- fundraiser

Ladner Jr.

The cook-off will take place at the Hancock County Civic Center, Longfellow Road, next to the Humane Services Complex, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., tomorrow.

The event is sponsored by the American Cancer Society which receives support from throughout the county.

Ladner said, "The support from throughout the community has been very good, and we are preparing for a record number of folks who will come out and have lunch at the cook-off."

Tickets are available at the Hancock County Tax Collector's office, Bay St. Louis, or at the door for a

donation of \$6 per person for all the red beans and rice a person can eat.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) members will be on hand to assist at the event.

Judges for the bean cook-off are Judge Margaret Alfonso, Chef Armand Jonté, and Basil Kennedy.

Cornbread judges are Ellis C. Cuevas and Darlene Underwood.

Margaret Hadden, who selects the judges, said she will also have several others as judges of the booths.

Dessert in the form of bread pudding will be supplied by Waveland Market Center and Diamondhead Supermarket.

The Hancock County

Sheriff's Department will also send trustees to help with cleanup of the Civic Center.

Coast Electric Power Association will once again assist with electrical service for the cook-off.

Camellia red beans are supplied by their distributor, while participants supply rice and 'secret' ingredients. Participants are divided into four categories: government, restaurants, organizations and businesses.

Top honors will go to the winner of the Golden Bean Award. There will be an award for Showmanship and Best Bean in each category and also a People's Choice Award, in addition to the Camellia Bean Award,

which will be given for the most unique beans.

A new award this year will go for the Best Cornbread.

This will mark Jimmie Ladner's second year as general chairman, and he reports that he will announce the name of the new general chairman for next year at the cook-off. Prior to Ladner, Hancock County Chancery Clerk Tim Keller was the general chairman.

Among the original organizers of the first few cook-offs are Janet McQueen, Anne Schmidt and Andry and Basil Kennedy. McQueen and Andry Kennedy were the previous general chairmen.

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County to host quarter horse show

BY ED LEPOMA
STAFF WRITER

For the first time since 1993, the American Quarter Horse Association competition will return to Hancock County.

The three-day show, which is called "Sun N Fun," is sponsored by the Hancock County Riding Club, and will be held April 26-28 in the new Hancock County Covered Arena off Kiln-DeLisle Road.

Trudy Cuevas, secretary of the Hancock County Equine Arena Board, invites everyone to come out and experience first-hand the excitement of competition.

Cuevas said, "There will be participants from all over the United States competing in many areas, from pleasure to timed events." She said this is the 27th year of the competition, and the annual event is the second oldest continuous running quarter horse event in Mississippi.

"Friday night will be a special event just for barrel racing and pole-bending enthusiasts," Cuevas said.

She explained people who exhibit at an American Quarter Horse Show earn points that turn into awards or cash at the end of the year. By competing, exhibitors and horses can qualify for the American Quarter Horse Association or American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Championship shows, the premier events in the entire equine industry, she said.

Cuevas said this year the Hancock County Riding Club is expecting over 400 entries from Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas, and Oklahoma, as well as from Mississippi. Competitors range in age from under 13, to 14-18, to adults and seniors.

For more information, contact Nancy L. Russ at 228/533-7031. The AQHA national phone number is 1/806-376-4811, and its web site is www.AQHA.com.

Bayou Jeweler & Watch Repair

According to information released by the Mississippi Highway Patrol last week, the accident occurred at around 6:40 p.m. Sunday when Kimble, of Bay St. Louis, drove his 1996 Thunderbird across the median into the southbound lane and was struck by Sones' vehicle.

It was initially reported that Sones' vehicle had "lost control and failed to yield right away (sic)," according to the report, but police confirmed Saturday that Kimble's vehicle was the one that lost control and failed to yield right of way.

Police said the mix-up occurred when the accident field report was called in. After the initial identification of parties involved in police accident reports, vehicles are identified as "vehicle one" or "vehicle two," and the drivers as "driver one" or "driver two."

The identifying numbers between Sones and Kimble had apparently gotten transposed.

Due to the error, it was initially reported that Sones had been ejected from his vehicle. In fact, police said yesterday, Sones had to be "extricated" from the car. Also injured was an 18-year-old female passenger in Sones' car, according to the MHP report.

Kimble was ejected from his vehicle and suffered cuts to the head, as did two male passengers in his vehicle.

The incident is still under investigation by officers of the Mississippi Highway Patrol.

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Obituaries

NORREL BERNDT JOSHUA CHIN GEORGE NURSE III SIDNEY SHOWS WILLIAM QUINN LOIS YARBOROUGH

NORREL BERNDT

Norrel Berndt, 81, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, April 18, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Berndt was a resident of Bay St. Louis for 28 years and was a Catholic.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Azema Bordelon; and brothers Roland and Amos Bordelon.

Survivors include her husband, James "Jim" Berndt of Bay St. Louis; sons James R. Berndt, Jr. of Metairie and Gustave and Arthur Berndt of Chalmette; daughters Joy Labat of Slidell and Susan Nicolosi of Chalmette; sister Elaine Musmeci of Chalmette; 11 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Tuesday, April 23, noon to 2 p.m. at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home, 274 Beauvoir Road in Biloxi followed by services in the funeral home chapel and burial in Biloxi National Cemetery.

JOSHUA CHIN

Joshua Ramon Chin, 22, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, in Indian River County, Fla.

Mr. Chin was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Bay St. Louis. He was a Christian. He was a graduate of Camp Shelby Youth Challenge High School and was employed by Cesar Chin Contractor.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather.

Sharon B. and Geoffrey Wareing of Bay St. Louis; his father and stepmother, Cesar and Gloria Chin of Winter Springs, Fla.; brothers Derek Fontenot of California and Cesar Chin, Jr. of Winter Springs; and two sisters, Tina Limon and Gloria Chin, both of Winter Springs.

A memorial service will be conducted Sunday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Bay St. Louis. Interment will be at a later date.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

GEORGE NURSE III

George Robert Nurse III, 74, of Perkinston, died Thursday, April 18, 2002, in Slidell.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Agnes Quinn; son Robert Quinn of Atlanta; step-sons Clark Cenac Jr. of Houma and Clinton Cenac of Atlanta; five stepdaughters, Connie Lazaro of Covington, Christy Robicheaux of Houma, Catherine Hebert of Lettsworth, La., Carey Cenac of Slidell; and Cindy Cenac of Slidell; five grandchildren; 15 step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be private.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Shows of Bay St. Louis; son David Sage of Pearl River, La.; daughters Jessica Stabler of Watertown, N.Y. and Yolanda Johnson of Birmingham, Ala.; his mother, Leatrice Phillips of Pearl River; a brother, Stanley Shows, Jr. of Chalmette; a sister, Staff Sgt. Sherry Shows of

Lafayette and two grandchildren.

Burial will be private at a later date.

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WILLIAM QUINN

William J. Quinn, 74, of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, April 19, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mr. Quinn was a native of Queens, N.Y., and a long-time resident of Bay St. Louis. He served as the assistant zoning enforcement official for Hancock County until Jan. 9. He was of the Catholic faith, and was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving in World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of American Legion Post 139 in Bay St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his son, Robert Quinn; parents, William J. and Albina D. Thomasa Quinn; brother, John Quinn and sister, Anna Quinn.

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BUSINESS NEWS

USS Cole gets patriotic send-off

During a highly-emotional, patriotic shipyard ceremony, the Aegis guided missile destroyer USS Cole (DDG 67) received a tremendous send-off as thousands of Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) employees and local residents gathered pier-side at the company's Ingalls Operations and along the beaches here to bid the ship farewell.

Following a 14-month restoration project, the ship is returning to the U.S. Navy Fleet. Cole departed Northrop Grumman's Ship Systems sector in Pascagoula Friday morning bound for her homeport in Norfolk, Va.

"There is not a doubt in my mind that you build the world's greatest ships at Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, and this ship is a testimony to your hard work," said U.S. Representative Gene Taylor of Mississippi's Fifth Congressional District. "And to the brave young men and women who are going to man this vessel, Mississippi has given you our best and we thank you for what you do for our nation."

"On this wonderful day we recognize the skill and craftsmanship of the Navy team, Northrop Grumman and our industry partners who have restored the Cole," said John Young, assistant secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition. "Today, we must also remember the 17 sailors who died giving their lives in the tragic attack. In hindsight, we all now see that the attack on Cole was really the first strike against the United States in this war. Cole's restoration provides a clear and confident statement of America's determination to overcome terrorism."

Following a terrorist attack in Aden, Yemen, in October 2000, Cole was transported to Northrop Grumman Ship Systems on the heavy lift ship Blue Marlin, and arrived in Pascagoula on Dec. 13, 2000, after a six-week journey.

"I've come here today to talk to those men and women who are wearing hard hats, welder goggles and dusty coveralls - I've come here to thank you," said Rear Adm. John G. Morgan Jr., USN, commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group Twelve, Enterprise Battle Group, to the Northrop Grumman ship-builders who attended the ceremony. "Through your brains and your brawn, you have given us a gift. That gift is 505 feet of American steel that is right behind me and I thank you for that gift. It is a gift to the Navy and it is a gift to America. I want the Cole to sail proud from this harbor and I want the ship to know that she is joining a great team."

"We are saying goodbye to our partners in the restoration of a great warship which is also a national symbol of the indomitable spirit of the United States Navy," said Dr. Philip A. Dur, Northrop Grumman corporate vice president and president of the company's Ship Systems sector. "We celebrate USS Cole's return to the fleet, to take her place in the line again. The American people and the people in this shipyard wanted to do everything in their power to put this ship



Underway

The USS Cole departs Pascagoula Friday for its homeport in Norfolk, VA. Following a terrorist attack in October 2000, the Cole was restored at Ingalls Shipyard.

back into place where she can continue to protect America's interest and the freedoms which we take for granted."

Dur also read a letter from U.S. Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi, who stated, "The skilled and experienced workers of Northrop Grumman Ship Systems were charged with returning this national symbol to combat effectiveness in short order. They responded to the unique challenges of USS Cole with the expertise and enthusiasm that have become the hallmark of Ingalls."

"The Navy industry team set new benchmarks for this reconstruction," said Capt. Phil Johnson, USN, supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, Pascagoula. "The Navy-Northrop Grumman Ship Systems team's intimate knowledge of USS Cole and the craftsmanship and abilities of the Northrop Grumman employees was

instrumental in achieving this success."

Significant Accomplishments

- 550 tons of steel removed and replaced
- All damaged structure, cables, pipe, ventilation and equipment removed
- Shafts, blades, hubs, air tubes and valve rods refurbished and reinstalled
- Starboard main reduction gear replaced (80 tons)
- 1A and 1B main engine and modules replaced (27 tons each)
- New universal engine controllers installed
- Stern flap installed (increase speed and fuel efficiency)
- Four air conditioning plants CFC upgrades completed
- Replaced three gas turbine generators
- 350,163 feet of electrical cable replaced
- New Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS) galley installed
- Combat system restoration complete
- All system testing and sea trials completed April 11-13

Significant Milestones

- Dec. 13, 2000 Ship arrives
- Dec. 23, 2000 Patch install
- Dec. 24, 2000 Lift ship undocking
- Jan. 5, 2001 Weapons offload
- Jan. 6, 2001 Drydocking
- Jan. 14, 2001 Transit to land
- Sept. 14, 2001 Undocking
- March 10, 2002 Crew moves aboard
- April 2, 2002 Light-off assessment
- April 13, 2002 Sea trials complete
- April 18, 2002 Redelivery to the Navy
- April 19, 2002 Departs Pascagoula for Norfolk

During peak production periods, as many as 700 Northrop Grumman Ship Systems employees were assigned aboard Cole.

"Teamwork has made this happen," said Cmdr. Kevin Sweeney, USN, Cole's commanding officer. "The Navy made the right decision to bring the ship here and Ingalls did it right and I thank you. Our goal is not to leave Pascagoula nor is our goal to get back to Norfolk. Our goal is to take Cole to sea and to start the training operations with our battle group. Admiral Morgan, we are ready."

The ship was originally built in Pascagoula by Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, and was delivered to the U.S. Navy in 1996. The company has delivered a total of 16 Aegis guided missile destroyers to the Navy, with nine more ships under contract.

Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, headquartered in Pascagoula, Miss., includes facilities in Pascagoula and Gulfport, as well as New Orleans and Tallulah, La. The sector, which currently employs more than 17,000 shipbuild-

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BOEING/BA	42.75	- 5.80
CALGON CARBON/CCC	8.89	- .70
CHEVRON /CVX	88.00	+ 3.90
COCA COLA/KO	54.91	+ 1.55
CSX CORP/CSX	36.71	- .77
DUPONT/DD	47.36	+ .42
GENERAL ELEC/GE	33.70	+ .15
GOODYEAR TIRE/GT	22.93	- .04
HANCOCK HOLDING CO/HBHC	54.33	+ .19
INTL BUSINESS MACHINE/IBM	89.00	+ 3.40
INTL PAPER CO/IP	42.17	+ 1.28
K MART CORP/KM	1.42	+ .04
LOCKHEED MARTIN/LMT	59.85	- 1.69
PARK PLACE ENT/PPE	12.29	+ .45
PEN NATL GAMING/PENN	40.20	+ 1.63
PEOPLES FINANCIAL /PFBX	13.25	- 1.38
MCDONALDS CORP/MCD	28.60	+ .80
MIRANT/MIR	14.10	+ 1.55
REGIONS FINANCIAL/RGFR	35.16	+ .43
ROCKWELL INTL CORP/ROK	19.60	- .14
SOUTHERN COMPANY/SO	28.29	+ 1.55
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SPORTS

Two newcomers win 60's and 70's Singles; Cheney wins 323rd national championship

BY LIZ WAGNER MAIO

Contributing Writer

Newcomer Heidi Orth, Ettingen, Germany, earned her own reward for traveling so far. She won The USTA Senior Women's National Clay Court Championships 60's singles by defeating the #1 seed, Charleen Hillebrand, Los Angeles, CA, 7-5, 6-2 in the semis and the #4 seed, Sinclair Bill, Santa Barbara, CA, 6-1, 6-2 in the final at Diamondhead Tennis World.

Orth did not drop a set in the singles draw. Another newcomer made it through the draw without losing a set. Marietta Boswell, Damascus, MD, defeated Louise Owen, 6-0, 6-0 in the 70's singles.

In senior tennis some players feel they have their best chance to win when they have just qualified for the age group, while they are the "youngest kid" in the group.

In 80's singles Do Do Cheney, La Jolla, CA, lost to her doubles partner, Lucy Dettmer, Palo Alto, CA, 6-4, 6-1. Dettmer and Cheney won the 80's doubles defeating Mary Mentzer, Fort Myers, FL, and Margery Stafford, Bass Harbor, ME, 6-4, 6-2.

That extends Cheney's record. Not only is she the grand dame of national titles for women, but she holds the greatest number of national titles won by a man or woman player with 323.

The 70's doubles title was taken by Louise Owen, Evansville, IN, and Jeanette Weiland, Charleston, SC in a tough three-setter over Marietta Boswell and Louise Russ, Boca Raton, FL. Weiland is ranked #1 in doubles with another partner, and seems to be working on that ranking with Owen.

The quality of tennis



Lucy Dettmer, Palo Alto, CA, defeated Do Do Cheney in the 80's singles 6-4, 6-1.



Winning or losing Do Do Cheney gave the fans at Diamondhead Tennis World a lively display of the joy of tennis. Winning is what she knows best as she earned her 323 national title with her partner, Lucy Dettmer, Palo Alto, CA. They defeated Mary Mentzer, Fort Myers, FL and Margery Stafford, Bass Harbor, ME, 6-4, 6-2.

Throughout the week ran high. While all three singles champions won all their matches in straight sets, thirty-nine three-set matches were played during the week. Thirty-nine nationally ranked singles players graced the courts.

These ladies love to come to the coast because they get extremely competitive matches and they are welcomed by so many facets of the community," Garman said.

Mary Boswell, Damascus, MD, won the 70's singles final 6-0, 6-0 over Louise Owen. Owen is ranked #4 in the United States. Boswell's national rank was 13 in the 60's in 2001. She will establish her 70's ranking this year.

Steve Garman, Director of Tennis at Diamondhead and the tournament referee, would like to thank the many businesses and individuals who gave financial support to the tournament, the Diamondhead merchants and businesses who contributed door prizes, the Old Town Bay St. Louis merchants, restaurants and art galleries that contributed door prizes, the families who housed players, the many Tennis World club members who stepped in to do many jobs from grooming the courts to serving the lunches, the members of the tennis committee, and the fans who came



Heidi Orth, Ettingen, Germany defeated Sinclair Bill, Santa Barbara, CA, in the 60's singles final 6-1, 6-2. Bill is ranked #3 in the United States. She won a gold tennis ball, a watch, and a check. With her are Steve Garman, Director of Tennis and Tournament Referee, and her opponent Sinclair Bill, who won a silver tennis ball and a check.

Pass Isles Ladies Golf results

Pass Christian Isles Ladies Golf Association April 16 Best Nine winners include: Mary Jo Delligatti, first; Norma Kucera, second; Jolee Burrus and Doris Roofner, third; Doris Luckie and Eila Wells, fourth; Elaine Reese, fifth; and Dee Horst, sixth.

PCI Nines: Rose Ogilvie, first; Marge Lindsey, second; and Jeanette Lane and Patt McClellan, third.

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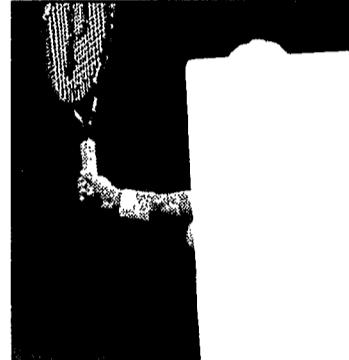
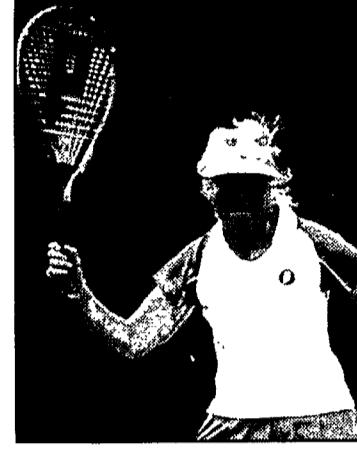
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That extends Cheney's record. Not only is she the grand dame of national titles for women, but she holds the greatest number of national titles won by a man or woman player with 323.

The 70's doubles title was taken by Louise Owen, Evansville, IN, and Jeanette Weiland, Charleston, SC in a tough three-setter over Marietta Boswell and Louise Russ, Boca Raton, FL. Weiland is ranked #1 in doubles with another partner, and seems to be working on that ranking with Owen.

The quality of tennis



Photos by Liz Wagner Maio
Winning or losing Do Do Cheney gave the fans at Diamondhead Tennis World a lively display of the joy of tennis. Winning is what she knows best as she earned her 323 national title with her partner, Lucy Dettmer, Palo Alto, CA. They defeated Mary Mentzer, Fort Myers, FL and Margery Stafford, Bass Harbor, ME, 6-4, 6-2.

throughout the week ran high. While all three singles champions won all their matches in straight sets, thirty-nine three set matches were played during the week. Thirty-nine nationally ranked singles players graced the courts.

Steve Garman, Director of Tennis at Diamondhead and the tournament referee, would like to thank the many businesses and individuals who gave financial support to the tournament, the Diamondhead merchants and businesses who contributed door prizes, the Old Town Bay St. Louis merchants, restaurants and art galleries that contributed door prizes, the families who housed players, the many Tennis World club members who stepped in to do many jobs from grooming the courts to serving the lunches, the members of the tennis committee, and the fans who came

out to watch.
"These ladies love to come to the coast because they get extremely competitive matches and they are welcomed by so many facets of the community," Garman said.

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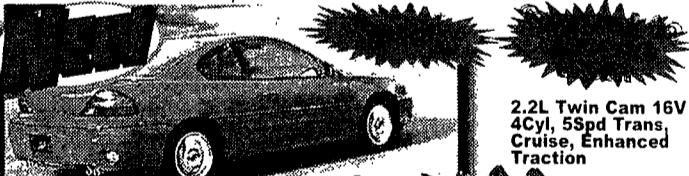
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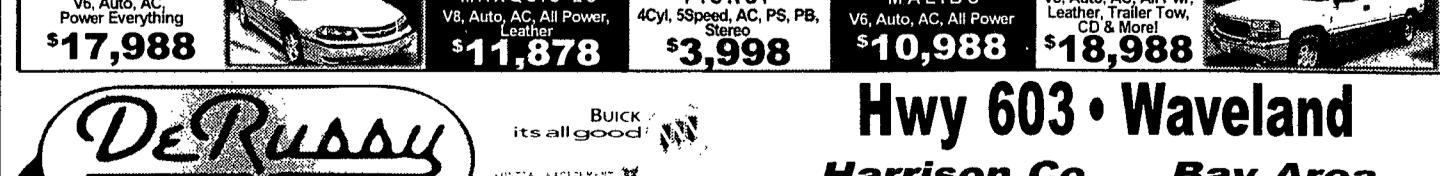
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Becky Amacker placed fourth in the 800m run to advance while all three Hancock relay teams will move on to the next level.

The 400m relay team of Benjamin Clark, Pall, Dionna Bush, and Whitney Jackson crossed the tape in fourth place.

The same team competed in the 800m relay and finished third. The 1600m relay team of Tiffany Appel, Christine Singleton, Haas, and Nunez finished in second place with a time of 4:47.82.

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Pass headed to state golf tourney

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The Pass Christian Pirates and the D'Iberville Warriors tied for first place in the team championships. There was a playoff on Friday morning to decide which team would enter the state tournament as division champion and runner-up. Scoring details were not available at press time.

Both Pass High and

D'Iberville shot 335 as a team while St. Stanislaus was third with a team score of 344.

Nick Ladner of D'Iberville was low medalist with a score of 76 followed by Pass High's Nick Beale with a 78. T.J. Koger of SSC was third place overall with a 79. Other SSC members were James Wahl with an 84, Brian Webb 86, Damien Holcomb 95, and Chris Griffith with a 95.

SSC head coach Dave Kenson stated, "We have only one senior on the team so the majority of the team

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In 80's singles Do Do Cheney, La Jolla, CA, lost to her doubles partner, Lucy Dettmer, Palo Alto, CA, 6-4, 6-1. Dettmer and Cheney won the 80's doubles defeating Mary Mentzer, Fort Myers, FL, and Margery Stafford, Bass Harbor, ME, 6-4, 6-2.

That extends Cheney's record. Not only is she the grand dame of national titles for women, but she holds the greatest number of national titles won by a man or woman player with 323.

The 70's doubles title was taken by Louise Owen, Evansville, IN, and Jeanette Weiland, Charleston, SC in a tough three-setter over Marietta Boswell and Louise Russ, Boca Raton, FL. Weiland is ranked #1 in doubles with another partner, and seems to be working on that ranking with Owen.

The quality of tennis



Photos by Liz Wagner Maio
Winning or losing Do Do Cheney gave the fans at Diamondhead Tennis World a lively display of the joy of tennis. Winning is what she knows best as she earned her 323rd national title with her partner, Lucy Dettmer, Palo Alto, CA. They defeated Mary Mentzer, Fort Myers, FL and Margery Stafford, Bass Harbor, ME, 6-4, 6-2.

throughout the week ran high. While all three singles champions won all their matches in straight sets, thirty-nine three set matches were played during the week. Thirty-nine nationally ranked singles players graced the courts.

Steve Garman, Director of Tennis at Diamondhead and the tournament referee, would like to thank the many businesses and individuals who gave financial support to the tournament, the Diamondhead merchants and businesses who contributed door prizes, the Old Town Bay St. Louis merchants, restaurants and art galleries that contributed door prizes, the families who housed players, the many Tennis World club members who stepped in to do many jobs from grooming the courts to serving the lunches, the members of the tennis committee, and the fans who came



Lucy Dettmer, Palo Alto, CA, defeated Do Do Cheney in the 80's singles 6-4, 6-1.



Mary Boswell, Damascus, MD, won the 70's singles final 6-0, 6-0 over Louise Owen. Owen is ranked #4 in the United States. Boswell's national rank was 13 in the 60's in 2001. She will establish her 70's ranking this year.



Heidi Orth, Ettingen, Germany defeated Sinclair Bill, Santa Barbara, CA, in the 60's singles final 6-1, 6-2. Bill is ranked #3 in the United States. She won a gold tennis ball, a watch, and a check. With her are Steve Garman, Director of Tennis and Tournament Referee, and her opponent Sinclair Bill, who won a silver tennis ball and a check.

Pass Isles Ladies Golf results

Pass Christian Isles Ladies Golf Association April 16 Best Nine winners include: Mary Jo Delligatti, first; Norma Kucera, second; Jolee Burrus and Doris Roofner, third; Doris Lackie

and Eila Wells, fourth; Elaine Reese, fifth; and Dee Horst, sixth.

PCI Nines: Rose Ogilvie, first; Marge Lindsey, second; Jeanette Lane and Patt McClellan, third.

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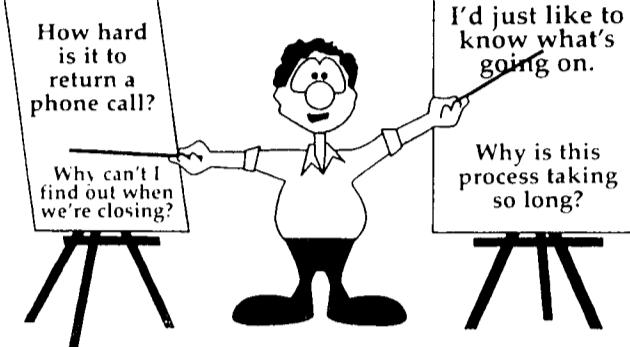
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SPORTS

Barrett, Sackett, & Necaise named to Hall of Fame

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Staff Writer

Three area athletes were named scholar-athletes by the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Chapter of the Mississippi Gulf Coast on Wednesday at the Palace Casino.

Adam Barrett of Bay High, Chase Sackett of Hancock, and Craig Necaise of Pass Christian were among 19 gridiron players from the six-county coastal region honored by the organization.

The program is dedicated to the recognition of outstanding student athletes from the Mississippi Gulf Coast area.

Three of the honorees had brothers who were all named to the Hall of Fame two years ago. Barrett's brother, Ty, was honored as a Bay High scholar athlete two seasons ago. Sackett's brother, Les, received the same honor from Hancock. The other athlete who had a brother honored two years ago was Robbie D'Angelo of

Harrison Central whose brother, Mickey, received the same honor and was named the Rocky Byrd Quarterback Award winner the same year.

Ty Barrett is a quarterback for the SEC & Sugar Bowl Champion LSU Tigers. Mickey D'Angelo is a rising redshirt sophomore quarterback for the USM Golden Eagles. Les Sackett is on an academic scholarship to the University of Mississippi.

Adam Barrett was a quarterback/linebacker for the Bay High Tigers. He lettered four years in football and was also a member of the basketball and baseball teams. Barrett has a GPA of 3.8 and an ACT score of 27. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and French Honor Society.

On the gridiron, Barrett recorded over 400 tackles in his career along with 21 quarterback sacks and 14 fumble recoveries. He was named All-Division 8 Class

4A and Most Outstanding Linebacker in Division 8 his senior year. He was twice named All-Sea Coast Echo and received the Defensive Player of the Year in 2001.

Barrett plans on attending LSU on a full academic scholarship to study Marine Biology.

Chase Sackett played just about every position on the field for the Hancock Hawks during his four-year playing career. This past season, he was a HB/CB/K for the Hawks. He was named to the All-Sea Coast Echo football team twice.

Sackett has a 4.14 GPA and scored a 28 on his ACT. He was named to Mississippi Boys State last summer. Sackett is a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Mu Alpha Theta, SADD, and Future Business Leaders of America. He was named to the All-Region team in football and is a member of the Hancock soccer and track

teams.

Sackett plans on majoring in engineering.

Craig Necaise played OL/DL for the Pass Christian Pirates the past three years. He has a 3.89 GPA and scored a 21 on his ACT. Necaise is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Beta Club, Student Council, Exchange Club Student of the Month, and received the Scholar-Athlete Award.

On the football field, Necaise was named to the All-Sea Coast Echo team. Necaise plans on majoring in Criminal Justice with hopes of having a career in the FBI or ATF branches of federal law enforcement.

All athletes named to the Hall of Fame have their names added under the scholar-athlete branch of the College Football Hall of Fame located in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The 2001 winner of the Rocky Byrd Quarterback Award was Harrison Central's Jeremy Lee. The Frank "Twig" Branch Coach

of the Year was D'Iberville's David Russell. The recipient of the Award of Merit was Gautier High School principal Elbert Vaughn. The winner of the Contributions to Amateur

Football Award was East Central volunteer Ronnie Pierce. The recipient of the Distinguished American Award was WLOX-TV-13 sports anchor A.J. Giardina.

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Hawk thinclads fly into regional meet

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Staff Writer

The Hancock Hawks hosted the Division 5 Class 5A track and field meet at Hawk Stadium on Thursday.

The Hancock Hawks were narrowly defeated 102-95 by the Hattiesburg Tigers for the division title. The two teams were separated by five points heading into the final event after running the meet neck-and-neck.

The pivotal race was the 400m dash where Hattiesburg picked up 10 points.

Oak Grove finished third overall with 42 points and Petal tallied 8 points.

In the girls division, Oak Grove nipped Hattiesburg 89-87 followed by Hancock with 43 points and Petal with 20 points.

The top four finishers in each event move on to regional competition. Area qualifiers for the regional meet in Meridian next week in the boys division were led by double-winner Paul Verdin in the 800m and 1600m runs. His times were 2:19.19 and 5:18.80.

B.J. Stutts and Asa Hoda will advance in the pole

vault after finishing first and second. Ken Cook won the triple jump with a leap of 40'8 1/2" followed by Chase Sackett in fourth place.

Randall Danneman and Justin Biehl each move on to regionals after completing the 3200m run in third and fourth place.

Timmy Carter qualified in the high jump with a fourth place finish while Matt Rayborn won the shotput with a throw of 39'5 1/4". Donald Hains placed fourth in the shotput to advance.

Michael Payton and Nick Narvez each qualify for the 110m high hurdles as they crossed the tape in second and third place, respectively. Steven Guidos won the discus with a throw of 113'9" while Matt Rayborn placed third.

Myron Fairley placed third in the 100m dash to advance. David Brown took second place in the 200m dash followed by Ervin Jackson in fourth place.

Sackett placed third in the 300m intermediate hurdles to move on while all three relay teams placed second and will advance. The 400m relay team of

Jackson, Fairley, Patrick Mondy, and Gary Oliver took second in 45.30. The 800m team of Oliver, Jackson, Brown, and Mondy crossed the tape in 1:34.45.

The 1600m team of Brown, Payton, Anthony Guidry, and Mike Long made a strong run at first but crossed the tape as runner-up with a time of 3:54.08.

In the girls division, Dana Haas won the 400m dash with a time of 1:07.50. Haas is just a seventh grader.

Mollie Nunez won the girls singles in the Division 5 Class 5A tennis tournament earlier in the day. Nunez came back to finish second in the 1600m run and third in the 400m dash.

Karolina Saranowska placed fourth in the 3200m run while Annie Pall qualified in the high jump finishing third.

Erica Moran threw the discus 96' to place third overall. Morgan Necaise will advance to the next stage with a third place finish in the shotput. Emma Harris qualified in both hurdle races.

She placed fourth in the 110m low hurdles and third

in the 300m intermediate hurdles.

Bucky Amacker placed fourth in the 800m run to advance while all three Hancock relay teams will move on to the next level.

The 400m relay team of Benjamin Clark, Pall, Dionna Bush, and Whitney Jackson crossed the tape in fourth place.

The same team competed in the 800m relay and finished third. The 1600m relay team of Tiffany Appel, Christine Singleton, Haas, and Nunez finished in second place with a time of 4:47.82.

Pass headed to state golf tourney

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Staff Writer

The Division 8 Class 4A golf championships were held at the Mississippi National Course in Gautier on Thursday, April 18.

The Pass Christian Pirates and the D'Iberville Warriors tied for first place in the team championships. There was a playoff on Friday morning to decide which team would enter the state tournament as division champion and runner-up. Scoring details were not available at press time.

Both Pass High and

D'Iberville shot 335 as a team while St. Stanislaus was third with a team score of 344.

Nick Ladner of D'Iberville was low medalist with a score of 76 followed by Pass High's Nick Beale with a 78. T.J. Koger of SSC was third place overall with a 79. Other SSC members were James Wahl with an 84, Brian Webb 86, Damien Holcomb 95, and Chris Griffith with a 95.

SSC head coach Dave Kenson stated, "We have only one senior on the team so the majority of the team

will return. This was great experience for the younger players as they build for next season. T.J. Koger and James Wahl were consistently our top players and they will return. They have worked very hard to improve their game."

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SPORTS

SSC & Lady Eagles claim medley relay title at SSC

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus track and field team hosted a medley relays meet on Friday, April 12, at the SSC track.

The Rocks outpaced the St. John Eagles for first place with 93 points. St. John finished with 67 points. Pass Christian came in third with 43 points followed by Mercy Cross with 38, Long Beach with 31, and Bay High with zero points.

In varsity girls action, the Lady Eagles of St. John claimed first place with 90 points followed by Mercy Cross with 67. Pass Christian 26, and Long Beach with 9 points.

The St. Stanislaus junior high squad won a dual meet with Bay Middle School by the score of 72-16.

Top area athletes for the varsity girls were Tina Martin of Pass Christian who claimed two second place finishes in the discus and the shotput. Her throws were 66'2" and 28'6", respectively.

Lizana and Westbrooks of Pass Christian were the other top finishers with Westbrooks winning the long jump and Lizana placing third in the triple jump. Westbrooks' distance was 14'6 1/2" and Lizana had a leap of 23'6".

St. Stanislaus won and set school records in the sprint, distance, 100m shuttle hurdle, and 3200m relays.

The spring medley relay race is made up of two 100m legs, a 200m leg, and a 400m leg. The Rocks' record time was 1:47.7 and was set by the team of Jake Johnson, Brian Butler, Kyle Lewis, and Josh Robinson.

The distance medley relay is made up of two 1600m legs, an 800m leg, and a 400m leg. The Rocks' time was 13:33.00 by the team of Cody Kannon, Kyle Lewis, Brice Monu, and Jake Johnson.

The 100m shuttle hurdle relay is made up of four 100m relay races.

The Rocks set a record time of 1:09.8 with the team of Jay Spell, Sam Hudgens, Logan Walker, and Jake Johnson.

The 3200m relay is a race made up of four 800m legs. The team of Brent Acker, Kyle Lewis, Troy Johnston, and Cody Kannon set the new school record time of 9:10.70.

The Rocks also won the 1600m and 800m relays with times of 3:44.8 and 1:35.6, respectively. The 1600m relay team was made up of Acker, Will Boxx, Butler, and Logan Walker. The 800m relay team was Walker, Acker, Butler, and Monu.

The Rocks also ran a fun relay for the shotputters and discus throwers called the "Big-Man" 400m relay. The Rocks' team of Nick Weinmann, Jeremy Burke, Frederick Mallini, and Aaron White claimed top honors in 54.08.

In the field events, the Rocks claimed top honors in the discus, shotput, pole vault, and triple jump. Weinmann won the discus with a throw of 119'5" while Mallini threw the shotput 43'8" for first place. White placed second in the shotput with a throw of 40'2".

Nick Cotter took the pole vault for SSC with a winning height of 11'. Boxx rounded out the top performers for SSC in the field events with a win in the triple jump leaping 35'5".

Pass Christian won the high jump, long jump, and 400m relay. Maurice Hardnett jumped 5'8" for first place in the high jump. He also won the long jump with a leap of 20'7 1/2". Kelvin Woods placed second in the long jump with a distance of 19'10 1/2".

The 400m relay team of Chad Musgrave, Ledeal Johnson, Hardnett, and Woods crossed the tape first with a time of 45.80 fol-

lowed by the SSC team of Butler, Monu, Johnson, and Walker in 46.7.

Musgrave placed third in the discus with a throw of 106'9" for the Pirates. Pass High's 800m relay team of Musgrave, Hardnett, Woods, and Reggie Dedeaux placed second with a time of 1:36.01.

The junior high Rocks won all three relays in their division to key the win in the dual meet. The relay team of Sean Anderson, Brandon Butler, Brad Reinhart, and Chris Tran ran times of 53.7 and 1:47.2 in the 400m and 800m relays, respectively.

Robert Keyes of Bay High was the lone winner for Bay High. Keyes claimed the top spot in the shot put with a throw of 39'. Ben Rader and Don Haller placed second and third with throws of 32'5" and 31'8".

Ben Davis won the high jump with a cleared height of 5'1". Chad Moore of Bay High placed second at 5' and Matt Hudgens of SSC cleared 4'8" for third.

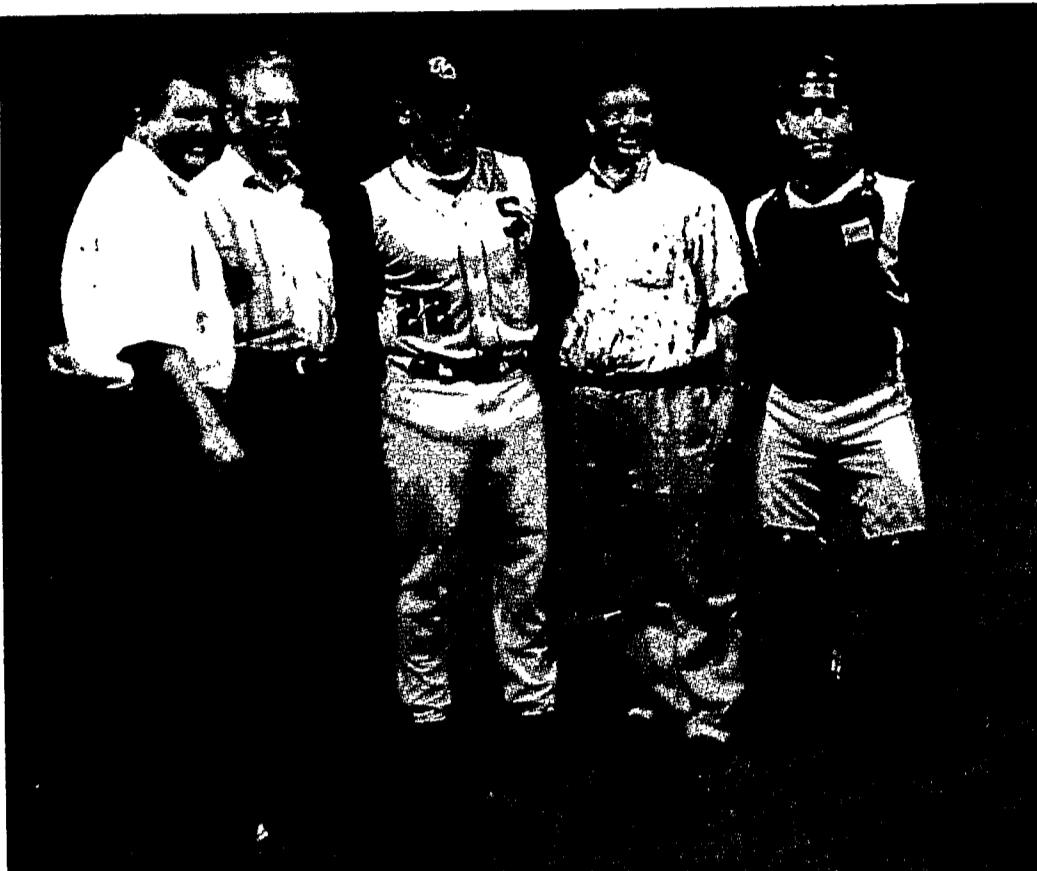
Grant West won the discus with a legal throw of 97'7". The long jump was won by SSC's Spinosa with a leap of 15'6 1/4" followed by Robert Labat of Bay High in second with a leap of 15'. Chad Moore of Bay High took third with 14'9".

Anderson won the 100m and 200m dashes in 12.4 and 26.75. Kyle Moran and Chad Moore placed second and third in the 100m with times of 12.65 and 14.06, respectively.

Ben Rader took second in the 200m dash for SSC. Rader won the 80m run for SSC with a time of 2:55.04 followed by Chaz Singleton in 2:55.52. Singleton won the 1600m run in 5:46.00 followed by Brad Reinhart in 5:52.

Ricardo Villareal won the 400m dash in 1:04.00 followed by teammate Matt Hudgens in 1:11.00.

The Big Score



The Hymel family donated the SSC baseball scoreboard. Pictured are, from left, Roland Hymel III, SSC Class of 1973; Roland Hymel, Jr.; Coach Will Seymour; head baseball coach Richard Hymel, SSC Class of 1974; and Lee Klein, varsity baseball coach, SSC.

Lady Hawks beat Hattiesburg, Oak Grove

Results of two division games the Hancock Lady Hawks played Friday night, April 12.

The Lady Hawks' first game was away at Hattiesburg and the score was Hancock 19, Hattiesburg 0, after five innings.

The winning pitcher was Kate Sullivan with 6 strikeouts. Morgan Necease helped offensively with

3 singles and 5 stolen bases, as well as Summer Seymour who had a single, 2 doubles, 3 stolen bases and 2 rbi.

The second game was also an away game and was played at Oak Grove with the final score of Hancock 3, Oak Grove 2. Senior, Mandy Graham, was the winning pitcher with 3 strikeouts.

Chasity Ladner also helped defensively by making a double play from second

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SSC/OLA outpoint Bay High for division tennis title

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus/Our Lady Academy tennis team won the Division 8 Class 4A tennis tournament with 10 total points. The match was held at D'Iberville on Thursday. The Bay High Tigers took second place behind SSC/OLA with seven points.

Vancleave placed third with three points followed by D'Iberville and East Central with four points each. Both participants in all tennis finals will advance to the state tennis tournament in Jackson on April 29-30.

In boys singles, Ernesto

Zarate defeated Bay High's Gabe Noyes 6-2, 6-0 for the division title.

In girls singles, Vancleave's Jana Jekin ousted Bay's Stephanie Reed for top honors 6-0, 6-0.

Billy Flowers and Curry Gamble of SSC claimed the boys doubles title by defeating East Central's Shane Mason and Justin Joblewsky 5-7, 7-6, 2-6.

In girls doubles, OLA's Christine Bratton and Rachel Cranford were 7-6, 6-0 winners over Courtney Brady and Joanna Smith.

In mixed doubles, Lauren Farris and Michael Santa Cruz of D'Iberville defeated Marquez Singleton and

Jacqueline Fouasanon 7-5, 3-6, 7-5.

The boys doubles team of Johnny Hoey and Daniel Stanton of Bay High were defeated in the semi-finals by East Central's Shane Mason and Justin Joblewsky 5-7, 7-6, 2-6.

The girls doubles team of Kelly Callahan and Katie Benvenuti from Bay High were defeated in the first round by Bratton/Cranford of OLA 6-2, 6-3.

SSC/OLA mixed doubles team of Kunal Patel and Maggie Rafferty were defeated by Bay High's team of Singleton/Fouasanon 1-6, 6-3, 5-7.

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The Dragon Wing blooms almost constantly from spring until frost with huge, scarlet panicles hanging down in contrast to dark green, glossy leaves.

In the full-sun garden, combine with the Mississippi Medallion award-winning New Gold lantana or large yellow marigolds like Antigua, Marvel or Discovery. Grow as understory plants near large candlestick plants.

These begonias have the ability to make partially shaded beds look like Jamaica or Martinique when combined with plants like bananas, canna, elephant ears, fatsia, gingers, hostas and the Mississippi Medallion award-winning yellow shrimp plant.

Dragon Wing red begonias are also ideal for hanging baskets on the front porch or in large containers, and they can put on some astonishing growth. A 10-inch basket planted in a large tub or whisky barrel in late April will probably get 36 inches tall and as wide or larger by the end of summer.

Depending on the desired look from above, choose a site in sun or partial-sun. Soil should be fertile, organic rich and well drained. Work in 3 to 4 inches of organic matter, turning the soil to a depth of about 8 inches. While tilling, add two pounds of a slow-release, 12-6-6 fertilizer with minor nutrients per 100 square feet of bed space.

Space Dragon Wing begonia plants 12 to 18 inches apart in the landscape. Keep them well watered and feed monthly with light applications of the fertilizer. In containers and bas-

Orient-ation



DeLisle Elementary travels to China without leaving home

DeLisle Elementary students last week traveled – virtually – all the way to China. The school itself was “transformed,” Principal Clementine Williams said, as part of the annual Multicultural Fair.

This year, Williams said, the Multicultural Fair Committee – including herself, Explore teacher Stacey Meyer, Librarian Susan Ware, second-grade teacher Peggy McCullough, fifth-grade teacher Sheri Walley, third-grade teacher Jackie Odenwald, music teacher Mary Bowser and lead teacher Meredith Bang – chose to represent China. Walley had spent a month in China last summer, Williams said, teaching English to Chinese students.

As part of the week’s activities, DeLisle students decorated the doors, halls and cafeteria with Chinese-inspired artworks, studied Chinese arts, crafts, food and culture, and took a “virtual flight” to China. Once arriving, students had to present a passport in order to be allowed into the exhibits in the cafeteria. The week’s study concluded Friday with songs and dances, and all the students and faculty dressed in Chinese clothing.

Echo staff photos by Bennie Shallbetter and Geoff Belcher

The clip artists

I usually get my haircuts at Sam and Judy's.

Either Sam or Judy does a good job and I like to

sit and listen to

Sam tell about his early days as a barber in New Orleans or to Judy just gossip and tell about such things as the pictures she has hung up to decorate their small shop or her going back to school to get a teaching degree.

I guess that is a necessary occupational requirement to being a barber, being able to occupy your customers mind with other things while you go

through the tedious process of cutting off unwanted portions of their being. But it is relaxing and getting a haircut can be therapeutic as well as a cultural necessity.

When I was in the Navy, we were required to get our hair cut every week, or else! On Friday, the day before Saturday's All Hands inspection, there would be a long line of sailors in the passageway of our small destroyer waiting for a store-keeper to cut off the teeny, almost microscopic, amount of hair that had grown during the previous week.

One Friday, a bunk-mate asked me to cut his hair because he had missed getting his hair cut earlier that day. I did it and the result satisfied him and looked good to me as well. So, I felt a little smug at inspection the next day, when the captain stopped in front of my friend and asked him who had given him his haircut. When my friend told him, the skipper nod-

Views From a Front Porch

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important things. With experience, it became so that you couldn't tell that I had just cut my hair, it looked more like I just didn't need a haircut.

But haircutting was a man thing and in those days the thought of a woman, even a woman as pleasant as Judy, cutting my hair was alien to me. Then in the early sixties, I went to Hawaii to present a scientific paper at a Pacific Ocean Science meeting.

The day before I was to present the paper I looked in the mirror and was forced to admit that my hair looked exceedingly ragged even by my standards and I went to a bar-

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What's for Lunch?

April 22-26

Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District
Chef Salad, Milk and Condiments served daily
BREAKFAST

Monday: Pancake and Sausage Stick, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Tuesday: Sausage and Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Wednesday: Grits and Hashbrowns, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Thursday: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Friday: Cinnamon-Raisin Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

LUNCH

Monday: Stromboli, Chicken Sandwich with Trimmings, Buttered Corn, Baked Beans, Fresh Apple, Tropical Fruit Mix, Rice Krispie Treat

Tuesday: Chili and Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Steak Sandwich with Trimmings, Cheesy Broccoli, Peas and Carrots, Chilled Peach Slices, Fresh Orange Smiles, Chewy Fudge Brownie

Wednesday: Red Beans and Rice with Sausage, Hamburger with Trimmings, Seasoned Potato Cuts, Coleslaw, Fresh Banana, Strawberry Blend, Mexican Cornbread

Thursday: Chili Cheese Fritos, American Sub Sandwich with Trimmings, Green Peas, Carrot Sticks with Dip, Fruit cocktail, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Butter Cookie

Friday: Pork Roast with Rice and Gravy, Sloppy Joe, Chicken, Meatball Hot

Seasoned Lima Beans, Garden Salad with Dressing, Chilled Pear Slices, Applesauce, Yeast Roll

Hancock North Central Gulfview

Charles B. Murphy and East Hancock Elementary Schools

Served daily: Bread, Dessert, Milk and Condiments

BREAKFAST

Monday: Cereal with Toast or Chicken Pattie Biscuit, Juice

Tuesday: Cereal with Toast or Pancake Pup, Juice

Wednesday: Cereal with Toast or Sausage Biscuit, Juice

Thursday: Cereal with Toast or Breakfast Pizza

Friday: Cereal with Toast or Ham Biscuit

LUNCH

Monday: Chicken Gumbo, Cheeseburger, French Fries, Whole Kernel Corn, Potato Salad, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Chocolate Pudding

Tuesday: Corn Dog Nuggets, Macaroni and Cheese with Ham, Chef Salad, Baked Tater tots, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad, Tropical Fruit Mix, Fruit Juice, Crackers, Peanut Butter Cookies

Wednesday: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Chicken Nuggets, Macaroni and Cheese with Ham, Chef Salad, Baked Tater tots, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad, Green Peas, Tossed Salad, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Garlic Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Jell-O

Thursday: BBQ Chicken, Meatball Hot Pocket, Chef Salad, Mashed Potatoes with Cheese, Baked Beans, Confetti Coleslaw, Peach Cup, Fruit Juice, Yeast roll, Crackers, Brownies, Jell-O

Friday: Chicken

Pocket, Chef Salad, Mashed Potatoes with Cheese, Baked Beans, Confetti Coleslaw, Peach Cup, Fruit Juice, Yeast roll, Crackers, Brownies

Friday: Chicken

Sausage Jambalaya, Turkey Club, Cheese Pizza, Oven Fries, Steamed Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Vanilla Pudding

Hancock High and Middle Schools

Served daily: Chef Salad, Bread, Dessert, Milk and Condiments

LUNCH

Monday: Chicken Gumbo, Turkey Sub with Gravy, Cheeseburger, French Fries, Whole Kernel Corn, Potato Salad, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Chocolate Pudding

Tuesday: Corn Dog Nuggets, Macaroni and Cheese with Ham, Chef Salad, Baked Tater tots, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad, Green Peas, Tossed Salad, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Garlic Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Jell-O

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Thursday: BBQ Chicken, Meatball Hot Pocket, Chef Salad, Mashed Potatoes with Cheese, Baked Beans, Confetti Coleslaw, Peach Cup, Fruit Juice, Yeast roll, Crackers, Brownies, Jell-O

Friday: Chicken

Sausage Jambalaya, Turkey Club, Cheese Pizza, Oven Fries, Steamed Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Vanilla Pudding

Bay Catholic Elementary School

BREAKFAST

Monday: Cereal, Juice, Milk

Tuesday: Sausage and Egg Biscuit, Juice, Milk

Wednesday: Breakfast Bagel, Juice, Milk

Thursday: Pancake with Syrup, Milk, Juice

Friday: Honey Bun, Milk, Juice

LUNCH

Milk or Juice served with every meal

Monday: Pepperoni Pizza or Chef's Salad, Carrots or Green Beans, Applesauce or Apple Slices

Tuesday: Chicken Tenders or Chef's Salad, French Fries or Baked Beans, Banana or Peaches

Wednesday: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce or Chef's Salad, Strawberries or Oranges, Peas or Mixed Veggies

Thursday: Hamburger on Bun or Chef's Salad, French Fries or Side Salad, Pineapple or Pears

Friday: Cheese Pizza or Chef's Salad, Corn or Coleslaw, Fruit Cocktail or Applesauce

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Winners are, front row from left, Sky Thomas, Jessica Cuevas, Lisa Page, Kaite Fillingame, Jenny Patterson, Karen Hancock and Margie Ticer; second row, Felicity Ross, Byron Taylor, Daniel Stanton, Samantha Richardson, Heather Wilkerson, Kendall Schindler, Brandon Strong, Ben Bourgeois and Tan Ly; third row, Miguel Graves, Jarrod Bourgeois, Tristan Egloff, Kurt Graves, Josh Todd, Chase Thomas and Joseph Graves.

Bay High DECA 'Strives for the Summit'

Bay High DECA excelled at this year's DECA State Career Development Conference (CDC) March 7-9 in Biloxi at the Broadwater Towers Beach Resort.

The 2001-2002 DECA State theme was "Striving for the Summit." Bay High DECA did just that, when they had a total of 41 winners at State.

Students who placed first, second, or third in their events, qualified to compete against students from other parts of the United States and other international countries at the International Career Development Conference this year in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Bay High DECA is taking a total of 19 students to Utah.

The competitors in each marketing and cooperative event had to either take a

timed written test, participate in an oral role-play with a judge, or write a manual and present it to a judge.

Bay High DECA competed against many students throughout Mississippi. The members who attended showed their extensive knowledge in the marketing curriculum.

Members who attended were Felicity Ross, Jenny Patterson, Heather Wilkerson, Kendall Schindler, Katie Fillingame, Samantha Richardson, Daniel Stanton, Heather Bourgeois, Kurt Graves, Miguel Graves, Lindsay Richardson, Brandon Strong, Paige Ladner, Skip Ladner, Jessica Cuevas, Lainey Perrot, Karen Hancock, Lisa Page, Margie Ticer, Byron Taylor, Nike Grieves, Jake Pearce, Chase Thoms, Heather Ladner, Josh Todd, Chelsea

Hawkins, Ashley Pollio, Tristan Egloff, Lacey Irias, Sheena Johnson, Tan Ly, Matt Barbier, Ben Bourgeois, Jarred Bourgeois, Kirsten Huber, Eric Kinard, Steven Fouasnon, and Samantha Billingsley.

The 19 students, who will advance to the International CDC, will compete with over 20,000 students worldwide, including Guam, Japan, Mexico, Parts of Canada, and Germany.

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The bride-elect is employed with Professional

Construction in New Orleans, and the prospective groom is employed with House of Hubcaps.

The wedding will take place May 18 at 5 p.m. in Diamondhead Community Church. The rehearsal will be at Jourdan River Shores.

Family and friends are invited.

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Second Grade: Thomas Allard, Bo Brennan, Dori Danielson, Brittany French, Adrienne Hatter, Jesse Hearin, Emily McDermott, Elizabeth Moore, Shannon Wooten.

Third Grade: None.

Fourth Grade: Andrew Hoang, Charlie Pritchard, Courtney Taylor.

Fifth Grade: Katie Hatter, Ashleigh Mullins, Sixth Grade: Emily Hall, Cecilia Tran, Caterina Tran, Stephen Allard.

A/B

First Grade: Taylor Bevilacqua, Maddie Casey, Brooke Crowder, Caleb Ladner, Bailey Lassabe, Katy McNally, Thomas Phares, Windsor Mills, and Chase Young.

Second Grade: Sarah Campbell, Rache Church, Sawyer Danielson.

Cameron James, Colleen Rafferty, and Daniel York.

Third Grade: Alexandria Hoang, Brandon Parker, Callie McNally, Hillary Allen, Jimmy Donlin, Jonathan Bryant, Jordan Hathorn, Kiana Welch, Lisi Danielson, Lexi Danielson, and Megan Sando.

Fourth Grade: Logan Hays, Jeremy Forte, Meyer Levy, Diana Nguyen, Kristopher Oustalet, Brianna Walker, Hillary Foutch, and Austin Runnels.

Fifth Grade: Cameron Bosley, Madeline Carter, Caitlin Church, Kieran Danielson, Nick Doty, Nia Hazeur, Maggie Madio, Timothy Mange, Johnny Nguyen, Michael Johns, Blake Jones, Augustine Tran, and Michael Dan Watson.

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Gulfview Elem. Honor Roll

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Second Grade: Stavroula Beach, Bethany Cuevas, Abigail Jacobson, Dylan Jaye, Taylor Ladner, Kelsey Ming and Halle Mardyz.

Third Grade: Michael Aupied and Patricia Warden.

Fourth Grade: Abigail Herrington and Sarah Torgeson.

Fifth Grade: Tyler Carver, Bryan Lynch and Stanley Tankersley.

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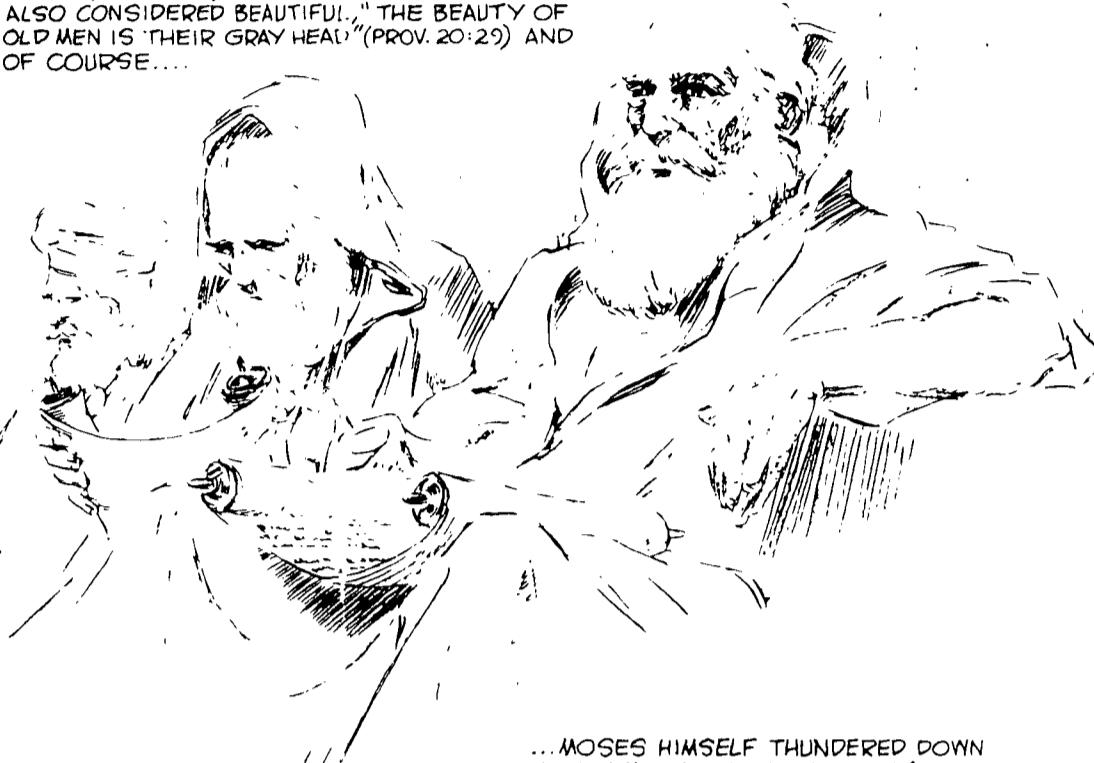
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Always try to improve

"Where are your glasses? That's just like a man!"

Puzzled and disappointed, I cut my eyes across the room, but was too surprised to react immediately. By the time I recovered my composure and thoughts, the conversation had gone on far afield.

I had been looking at photographs without my reading glasses, as I often do. Of course, with my slight astigmatism I do see better with the Walgreens Specials, as I call the reading glasses. (You probably have your own moniker for them). Nevertheless, I challenge my eyes many times each day.

Contrary to the implications of the question put to me, it is not a man thing for me.

Far from a macho approach, I would rather call it the innate human desire and drive to repair whatever we can in our bodily defects and to make all our other physical components function better each day, each hour.

For starters, I experiment seeing without my Walgreens Specials when I am alone, whereas people do macho things when others are present. Light plays heavily into this equation, for there is incandescent, the weakest, then fluorescent, which is much better, and indirect sunlight, which is best by far.

Certain things which I cannot read by incandescent light using the peepers I was born with, I can read with fluorescent light. Then, there are things which I can read only with the pure power of indirect sunlight. Interestingly, with little or no strain, I can read even tiny print in indirect sunlight.

Of much greater interest and speculation, my sight at 72 years, though far from perfect, is measurably better than it was 12 years ago. The exercises and challenges which I have mentioned undoubtedly have something to do with that improvement, since our eyes have muscles which need exercise.

However, the most measurable medium of improvement would have to be my all-plant food regimen which I have now been pursuing for 5 years, 11 months and counting. It is the same old story of cells which comprise every part of our body, including muscles, blood, eyes, hair and bones.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPIJAKE E. COSPELICH AND GINA
COSPELICH COMPLAINANTS
VERSUSTHE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, JOY ROSE-
MOND AND DIAMONDHEAD COUNTRYCLUB AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIA-
TION, INC., AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS
HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT,
TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PRO-
PERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT

DEFENDANTS

NO. 2002-101

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: JOY ROSEMOND FAVALORO

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by JAKE E. COSPELICH AND GINA COSPELICH, and Plaintiff, Jake K. Johnson, Attorney for Complainants. Title. Defendants other than you in this action are THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, JOY ROSEMOND FAVALORO, and DIAMONDHEAD COUNTRY CLUB AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of this summons and complaint to Jake K. Johnson, Attorney for Plaintiffs, whose post office address is Post Office Drawer 280, Gulfport MS 39502 and whose street address is 1819 24th Avenue Gulfport, MS 39501

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION: THIS SUMMONS IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED, RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN FORTY (40) DAYS AFTER THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH 2002 WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

(Seal)

Tim A. Keller
CHANCERY COURT CLERK
BY: Janet McArthur
DEPUTY CLERK

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT

OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

ESTATE OF JOSEPH NICHOLAS HERBERT

DECEASED

IO ANN HERBERT FROST, VIRGINIA HER-
BERT McDougall, and GARY JOSEPH HER-
BERT Petitioners

No. 2002-209

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JO-
SEPH NICHOLAS HERBERT.

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Jo Ann Herbert Frost, Virginia Herbert McDougall, and Gary Joseph Herbert Petitioners seeking to establish the heirs at law of Joseph Nicholas Herbert. There are no other defendants in this action.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock A.M. on the 10th day of May, 2002, in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under the seal and the seal of said Court the 3rd day of April, 2002.

(Seal)

Tim A. Keller
CHANCERY COURT CLERK
Hancock County, Mississippi

By Lorraine Scarborough, Deputy Clerk

4/7 4/14 4/21/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

OF EVELYN JORDAN MUMME, DECEASED

NO. 2002-250

EXECUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

Letters testamentary having been granted on the 3 day of April, 2002, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of EVELYN JORDAN MUMME, Deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 3 day of April, A.D. 2002.

CARMELO JORDAN GALOUE

04/07, 04/14, 04/21, 04/28/02

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
Hancock County2002-283
Executor to Creditors
of PETER H SWARTWOOD

Letters testamentary having been granted on the 16th day of April, 2002 by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Peter H. Swartwood, deceased notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 21st day of April A.D. 2002.

Julien K. Byrne III
Executor

4/21 04/28 05/05/02

CASE NO. ND 011-02
11-ND-HN-04-102
TO: DEBORAH MULINS
1929 MARY SHAMIS ROAD
SAUCIER MS 39074
RICHARD MAYNE
4081 CATALINA ST
BAY ST LOUIS MS 39520NOTICE OF INTENTION TO
FORFEIT SEIZED PROPERTY

You are hereby notified that on March 8, 2002 in Hancock County, Mississippi, the property listed below was seized by the Hancock County Sheriff's Office and held in trust for the benefit of the Plaintiff, Michael C. Ann, 44-29-153, Miss. Code Ann. \$41-29-176.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

United States currency.

APPROX VALUE \$150.00

Said money being subject to forfeiture under the provisions of § 41-29-153(a)(5) and (7) of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as annotated, and § 15-15-101 of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law and having been found in close proximity to forfeitable controlled substances to wit:

TO CONTEST THE FORFEITURE

If you claim an interest in the above-described property which is subject to the seizure, you must file a petition to contest the forfeiture within thirty (30) days after receipt of this Notice or of the date of the first publication of this Notice. If a petition is filed by you contesting the forfeiture and requesting a trial, you must file a motion for a trial date with the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in the circuit court of the county in which the seizure is made or the county in which the crime was committed.

Upon the filing of the Petition and the payment of the filing fee, the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas shall make an order for the removal of the property from the office of the Sheriff and the proceeding shall thereafter be governed by the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING PETITION

Pursuant to Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 10, a Petition requesting judicial review and contesting the forfeiture should contain a caption setting forth (1) the name of court (2) the name of the action including all of the names of the parties (3) the file number and (4) a designation of the cause, such as "Petition to Contest Forfeiture".

WHEREAS Plaintiff filed a Petition to Contest Forfeiture and requested a trial date with the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in the circuit court of the county in which the crime was committed or the county in which the property was seized, and the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in the circuit court of the county in which the property was seized or the county in which the crime was committed filed an order for removal of the property from the office of the Sheriff and the proceeding shall thereafter be governed by the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

WHEREAS Plaintiff filed a Petition to Contest Forfeiture and requested a trial date with the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in the circuit court of the county in which the crime was committed or the county in which the property was seized, and the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in the circuit court of the county in which the property was seized or the county in which the crime was committed filed an order for removal of the property from the office of the Sheriff and the proceeding shall thereafter be governed by the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

WHEREAS Plaintiff filed a Petition to Contest Forfeiture and requested a trial date with the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in the circuit court of the county in which the crime was committed or the county in which the property was seized, and the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in the circuit court of the county in which the property was seized or the county in which the crime was committed filed an order for removal of the property from the office of the Sheriff and the proceeding shall thereafter be governed by the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

WHEREAS Plaintiff filed a Petition to Contest Forfeiture and requested a trial date with the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in the circuit court of the county in which the crime was committed or the county in which the property was seized, and the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in the circuit court of the county in which the property was seized or the county in which the crime was committed filed an order for removal of the property from the office of the Sheriff and the proceeding shall thereafter be governed by the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

WHEREAS Plaintiff filed a Petition to Contest Forfeiture and requested a trial date with the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in the circuit court of the county in which the crime was committed or the county in which the property was seized, and the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in the circuit court of the county in which the property was seized or the county in which the crime was committed filed an order for removal of the property from the office of the Sheriff and the proceeding shall thereafter be governed by the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

WHEREAS Plaintiff filed a Petition to Contest Forfeiture and requested a trial date with the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in the circuit court of the county in which the crime was committed or the county in which the property was seized, and the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in the circuit court of the county in which the property was seized or the county in which the crime was committed filed an order for removal of the property from the office of the Sheriff and the proceeding shall thereafter be governed by the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

WHEREAS Plaintiff filed a Petition to Contest Forfeiture and requested a trial date with the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in the circuit court of the county in which the crime was committed or the county in which the property was seized, and the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in the circuit court of the county in which the property was seized or the county in which the crime was committed filed an order for removal of the property from the office of the Sheriff and the proceeding shall thereafter be governed by the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

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Entertainment

Smothers Brothers at Casino Magic BSL

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis presents the incredibly talented Smothers Brothers, Friday, April 26 at 9 p.m. in the Magic Entertainment Complex.

Tickets are \$14.95, \$19.95 and \$24.95 and may be purchased through the Casino Magic Box Office at 1-800-5-MAGIC-5 or any Ticketmaster Outlet.

Time has been an essential ingredient in the Smothers Brothers' success. They have been considered ahead of their time, masters of timing and practitioners of timeless comedy.

Now as they mark over 42 years in show business, the Smothers Brothers are being saluted as time-honored legends whose lengthy career has surpassed all other comedy teams in history.

With their singular blend of comedic and musical talents, the irrepressible



The Smothers Brothers

brothers have made a sweeping impact on diverse generations of fans.

Such lasting power is a testimonial to their intu-

ages.

The Smothers Brothers' first professional appearance was at The Purple Onion in San Francisco in 1959 and their first national television appearance was on The Jack Paar show on January 28, 1961. Over four decades of audiences have seen the Smothers Brothers in their own primetime comedy series in the 1960's, 1970's, and 1980's, guest appearances on numerous television programs, countless engagements as headliners in Las Vegas, Reno and Lake Tahoe, a hot-selling video, 12 top-selling albums, as well as continuous coast-to-coast concert tours, some with symphony orchestras.

On the personal side, both Tom and Dick pursue their interests with the same fervor as their work. Whenever the opportunity presents itself, Dick can be found cycling or practicing

yoga. Even on the road, he doesn't miss a beat as he maintains a disciplined regimen of robust workouts at the nearest health club.

Equally at home in the kitchen, Dick is known to conjure up delicious heart healthy cuisine. Dick doesn't merely pursue an interest, he masters it.

Tom's pastime passion is for golf, which is no surprise to the millions of viewer who have followed him through the various pro-am tournaments he plays each

year. True to form, however, Tom is not simply content to being one of the most popular attractions on the golf circuit.

Ever inventive, he decided the game needed an added feature: the yo-yo.

And, as many golf fans have already observed, Tom is the only golfer known who can sink a putt with the popular toy.

Tom also enjoys tending to his vineyard and his award-winning winery, Remake Ridge.

Jazzland now open weekends half price

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The excitement and fervor begins again at Jazzland Theme Park. Opening day for the 2002 season was Saturday. The park also announced special Spring Preview Days featuring half-price admission.

During the month of April all guests may purchase a single day admission ticket at the park for half off the regular admission price. This offer is valid on any Saturday or Sunday through April 28. Regular admission prices are \$32 for adults and \$25 for children under 48 inches (plus tax and assessment). Hours of operation during the Spring Preview Days will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

"Jazzland is committed to the community and to maintaining a world-class theme park," said Jazzland General Manager Terry Prather. "We are excited about providing another year of clean, safe, family fun for the New Orleans region," said Prather.

Jazzland will be open weekends through May 19, daily operation begins May 25, and the fall hours start August 24. The season ends October 27. Times and dates are subject to change without notice.

In addition Jazzland's Season Thrill Passes are available for \$39.99 for a limited time only. The regular Season Pass price is \$49.99. Price plus tax and assessment. The Season Thrill Pass is Jazzland's best ticket value. Enjoy the rides, shows and attractions all season long for one great price.

For additional information about Jazzland, call 504-253-8100 or visit Jazzland online at JazzlandThemePark.com.



Extra staff photo by Geoff Belcher

Jazz in the Pass founder Jennie Lou Mintz, Pass Christian Mayor Billy McDonald and artist Geri Dendis.

Jazz in the Pass is May 11

Jazz in the Pass kicks off at War Memorial Park in Pass Christian on May 11.

Local author/artist Geri Dendis recently donated a painting of Big Boy the cat - the famed Coast feline which was stuck in a tree for months - and the proceeds from her children's book about Big Boy to benefit the event. The book and raffle tickets for the painting are available at the Pass Christian Chamber of

Commerce.

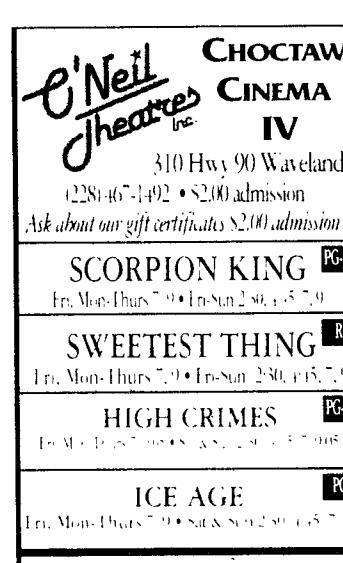
'Singin' in the Rain'

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Singin' in the Rain April 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. and April 28 at 2 p.m. at the Biloxi Saenger Theatre.

Tickets are \$12 adults; \$10 student (13-18), military, seniors (65-up) law enforcement and firefighters; \$8 youth (6-12); and 5 and under free.

For general admission info: 228-865-0035 or www.aquarius-productions.org.

Tickets available at the door or call 865-0035 or email at: AquariusTheatre@aol.com. Reservations are not required. Seats are general admission.



Celebrity Chefs Celtic Fest

Set your appetites for Celebrity Chefs Celtic Fest 2002! The annual feast of food, music and dance takes place Sunday, May 5 with a special Cinco de Mayo celebration, 3-8:30 p.m.

Entertainment will be provided by groups such as the Pat Murphy Band and Ronnie Kole, along with traditional Celtic and Mexican music and the best food on the Coast.

Gulf Coast Writers group to meet Apr. 23

The Gulf Coast Writers Association will meet on Tuesday, April 23 at 1 p.m. at the Hancock Main Library in Bay St. Louis.

For further information, contact Dan Ellis, 452-3138, danellis3@juno.com, or go to GCWA website at www.gcwa.org.

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